

CHINA DRUG EVILS ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGNERS.

OPIUM MONOPOLIES IN COLONIES.

STATEMENT BY NANKING'S FOREIGN OFFICE.

GOVERNMENT EFFORT.

Nanking, Jan. 8.
Foreign Powers and nationals are held to blame for most of the evils of the opium and narcotic traffics, in an official statement issued to-day by the Foreign Office, which is manifesting considerable interest in the Opium Suppression Conference at Geneva.

China during the past two years, it is claimed, has been exerting great efforts to suppress the traffic. Many new regulations have been promulgated, the effect of which has been most encouraging.

The statement continues to declare that the evils of opium and the imperative necessity for exterminating the scourge are continually stressed at public gatherings during the "Anti-Opium Week" and at the weekly memorial services, in the daily press, magazines and other periodicals. Many public bodies and Government departments are also putting their shoulder to the wheel.

Publicity and Control.
The National Anti-Opium Association of Shanghai, with branches in various parts of the country, is very active in conducting publicity as to the infractions of the regulations, while the Customs has been always alert in the detection of contraband smuggling.

Arrangements have also been made for the control of the national trade in opium, while the importation and sale on narcotic drugs will be undertaken by a National Agency, which is being formed by the Ministry of the Interior.

The amount of such narcotics to be imported will be determined annually by the State Council.

Pharmacies will be designated as agencies for the distribution of drugs.

Ports of entry into China will be limited to Shanghai.

Alleged Foreign Traffickers.
Unfortunately, says the official statement, the illicit traffic still prevails, and it is being carried on largely by foreigners.

In 1929, the Chinese Maritime Customs seized more than five thousand ounces of cocaine, approximately ten thousand ounces of morphine, six thousand ounces of heroin, six thousand ounces of opium and ten thousand hypodermic needles.

The drugs were imported by Japanese, Australians, Germans, Swedes, Russians, Hungarians, French, British and Koreans.

Colonial Policy Handicap.
In the South Sea Islands, where says the statement, there are several millions of Chinese suffering from the bondage of addiction to opium, the problem presents a totally different aspect.

The Colonial Governments of the Straits Settlements, the Malay States, Hongkong, Dutch East Indies, French Indo-China, Macao and Formosa have adopted a Government Opium Monopoly policy.

The greater portion of the revenue from this source is necessarily derived from Chinese residents, and the Chinese Government is helpless to relieve them.

"Therefore, it is most difficult for China to succeed in the task of opium suppression until the interested Powers are prepared to make a real sacrifice and co-operate with China in the fullest measure."—*Reuter*.

Suffering from a fracture of the leg, a mute Chinese boy, who was found wandering about the reclamation near the Wanchai Fire Station yesterday, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. The police have been unable to discover how the boy came by his injury.

SUGAR-CANE FIRES IN CUBA.

MUCH DESTRUCTION BY ARSON-PLOTTERS.

ANOTHER CONSPIRACY.

Havana, Jan. 8.
Despite the rigorous measures adopted by the Government to stifle the plot for the destruction of the Cuban sugar-cane fields, including the issue of orders to the military to shoot to kill anyone attempting to set fire to the canes, serious fires have occurred on several plantations.

The principal area affected is Pinar Del Rio, but various parts of Matanzas Province have also suffered from the arson campaign.

Already 287,000 arrobas of sugar cane have been destroyed. The campaign was due to start on January 15, but its discovery has led to earlier attempts.—*Reuter*.

New York, Jan. 8.
A message from Havana states that the Police have now discovered a plot to dynamite a number of Cuban hotels.

Several suspects have been arrested. At the headquarters of the organization alleged to be behind the conspiracy very powerful dynamite bombs are said to have been found.—*Reuter's American Service*.

COAL PROSPECTS BRIGHTER.

SETTLEMENT EXPECTED TO-MORROW.

London, Jan. 8.
The decision of the Executive of the South Wales Miners' Federation to-day to accept the reference of certain points to an independent chairman, brings the dispute a stage nearer a settlement, which is expected to be reached at a joint meeting with the owners to-morrow at Cardiff.

The anticipation of improvement in the coal dispute has been reinforced by an assurance of Mr. Richards, the miners' delegation president, that "the basis laid down for discussion gives every hope of a settlement being reached."—*British Wireless*.

NOTORIOUS BANDIT CAPTURED.

ARMED POLICE SURROUND HOUSE.

Canton, Jan. 8.
The notorious Nanhui bandit-chief, Lai Tong, was arrested in Honam yesterday.

A detective from the Bureau of Public Safety, accompanied by a force of armed police, surrounded the house where the bandit-chief and his family were in hiding, and brought about a successful capture, although an attempt to escape was made.

The prisoner was taken to the Bureau, where he will be tried later.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

LITTLE GIRL FOUND IN BASKET.

ABANDONED AND LEFT NEAR RIVER.

An emaciated Chinese girl, aged about eight years of age, was found by the police lying by the side of a stream near Kowloon Hang bend on the Taiipo Road and removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday.

The girl, who was found in a basket, had been abandoned and left to the mercy of the elements. She was in a very faint condition and was speechless when discovered.

ITALIAN SEAPLANE RESUMES.

REJOINS SQUADRON AT PORT NATAL.

Roma, Jan. 8.
A message from Port Natal states that Captain Donatelli, whose seaplane was forced down owing to engine trouble, resumed his flight and has re-joined General Balbo's squadron at Port Natal.—*Reuter*.

CHINA'S SOLUTION IN SILVER CRISIS.

HIGH DUTY TO IMPROVE EXCHANGE RATE.

LOCAL BULLION BROKER'S REPLY TO AMERICAN PROPOSAL.

INTERNATIONAL ACTION.

FREQUENT reference to the glut of silver in China has not discouraged Mr. Key Pittman in his proposal to make a huge silver loan to China, according to a message from Washington which states that a recommendation for the loan will be submitted to President Hoover shortly. Mr. Hoover will also be asked to open international negotiations to discuss the advisability of fixing the international value of silver.

Meanwhile, a leading local bullion broker has advanced proposals for restoring China's purchasing power in the present silver crisis. He suggests an import duty on silver of 6d. per ounce, and a drawback arrangement, which together would have the effect of materially improving the rate of exchange.

MR. PITTMAN'S SILVER LOAN.

Washington, Jan. 8.
It is understood that the Senate Sub-Committee which has been investigating the causes of the decline in trade between the United States and China, will recommend President Hoover to enter into international negotiations for a silver loan to China. The amount is not mentioned.

The President will also be requested to negotiate with the British and other governments for the suspension of the British policy regarding the sale of silver from India, and to discuss with other Powers the advisability of fixing an international value for silver.

Britain Blamed.
Regarding the alleged sales of silver by India, Mr. Key Pittman, the Democratic Senator from Nevada, who is the chairman of the Senate Sub-Committee, has declared that British policy in selling silver on a depressed market was the major cause of the world's trade depression.—*Reuter's American Service*.

He had also said that every important economist with whom he had talked had agreed that the slump in silver was entirely responsible for the falling off of American trade in China.

A Round Table Conference.
Only an international agreement could help the situation arising out of the drastic fall in silver prices.

"If we could get representatives of the leading nations around a table to agree to stop melting silver coins and selling the bullion in the open market, it would be a great step in the restoration of the economic well-being of the world," he said. "Even if we could reach a temporary agreement, for as much as five years, it would do much towards the restoration of world prosperity, which is the one big question before the world to-day."

China's Possibilities.
The Senate Sub-Committee believes that if China is nursed back into a sound financial condition, the country will develop enormously. Banditry and militarism will gradually disappear, and with peace and sound finance, the purchasing power of her inhabitants will greatly increase stimulating international trade with China, particularly in the way of buying from of America's surplus wheat.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Canada's Plans.
Washington, Jan. 8.
It is noteworthy that the silver loan suggestion dovetails with the plans of the Canadian Ministry of Trade, which is credited here with

a proposal for a \$200,000,000 loan to China, with the object of restoring the value of silver and aiding in China's rehabilitation.—*Reuter's American Service*.

China's Solution.
"One of the solutions, so far as China is concerned, would be to write all silver deposits in China as duty-paid, and put a duty on silver into China, with a corresponding drawback for all exports of silver," said a leading bullion broker, when discussing the proposals of the Senate Sub-Committee from Washington with a Telegraph representative this morning.

"To obtain the funds to pay for the drawback," he added, "the customs tariff would have to be calculated for everything else on the basis of partly silver instead of at the assisted exchange rate."

6d. an Ounce Duty.
Thus, if the rate of exchange is 1s. 3d. in Shanghai, and silver was, say 1s. an ounce in London, the duty of 6d. put on silver would mean that bankers purchasing silver in London and shipping it out would have to pay their 1s. an ounce plus 6d. duty into China.

THE DOLLAR.
To-day's demand quotations:
Opening 11% d.
11.50 a.m. 11% d.

But on the other hand in exporting from China they would receive 6d. from the drawback plus 1s. obtainable in the London market.

The exchange rate would be more or less 1s. 9d. and the money for payment of the customs drawback would be obtained from the Chinese Government who would get the higher rate of exchange in making their gold remittances, and from the merchants who could well afford to pay in view of the advantages they would derive from the exchange rate.

The Silver Loan.
Referring to the suggestion of the Sub-Committee that negotiations be entered into for a silver loan with China, it was made clear that such a scheme only meant the selling of silver in places other than the open market. Such a scheme was made impracticable by reason of the fact that silver could not be controlled. Whereas diamonds and other precious metals could be controlled, it was impossible to do so with silver, because of the many bye-products affected. If they dealt with copper (Continued on Page 7.)

GROSS LIBEL ON A TEACHER.

LADY BRINGS ACTION FOR DAMAGES.

JOURNAL NAMED "PEPPER" PAYS \$1,000.

PICTURESQUE TERMS.

A libellous article in the Hongkong *Wu Chiu*, a Chinese publication, attacking the abilities and morals of a young lady school teacher, was described as gross and disgusting in the Summary Court this morning, when Mr. Justice Jackson gave judgment for plaintiff for \$1,000 damages and ordered that the money, which had been paid into Court by defendants, should be paid out to plaintiff.

The plaintiff was Young Pui-ai, of the Sai Kwong School, Shekhi, Chung Shan, and she sued Kong-Sue-cham, publisher, Lam Shek-yuen, registered proprietor and editor, the Man Shun Printing Company, and Ho Chung-ling, a partner, all of No. 25, Hollywood Road, for \$1,000 damages for libel.

Paper Named "Pepper."
This morning, defendants were neither present nor represented. Mr. Horace Lo stated that plaintiff was a young lady about 23 years of age, and was a teacher at the Sai Kwong Girls' School. The paper, he said, was a three-day publication, the title meaning "Pepper." In the issue of November 29, the paper published a libellous article which referred to plaintiff as the "club-footed" lady.

On this point, Mr. Lo said this meant that plaintiff had sound feet, which was not true, and the paper hoped to hold her up to ridicule by making that statement.

His Lordship:—Is it something to be ridiculed about?

Shapely Feet.
Mr. Lo:—In this case, I am instructed that the lady has very shapely and small feet, and it may be that the paper said this because bound feet are out of fashion. Perhaps a girl would be ashamed of having her feet bound now, but plaintiff's feet have never been bound.

Continuing to read the article, Mr. Lo said it was stated by the paper that plaintiff had been left a widow while young, which, again, was not true, as she was not married and was still a maiden spinster.

The article further alleged that she studied with a view to becoming a good-for-nothing teacher and became a teacher at the school. The article went on:—"On account of the fact that an incompetent person was put up as a teacher in that school, the management became degenerate day after day. Recently, bad custom prevailed, and the moral standard of the fair sex became lower and lower. Girls did not know how to respect themselves but frequented places for meeting sweethearts, disregarding the horrible remarks of people at large. The rotten elements, small in number, of the Sai Hak, willingly became willow trees on the road and flowers above a wall (women of ill-fame). The Sai Hak was thus involved and the reputation of the school dropped to the level of the ground."

"Pink Apricot Blossoms"
"After all, the club-footed teacher was the ill horse that affected the whole stable because the disposition and nature of the club-footed teacher was hitherto Jew and coquetish, and after her husband passed away she could not live peacefully without a husband. She generally behaved like the pink apricot blossoms peeping out from the top of a wall (that is to say a disolute woman looking for sweethearts)."

The article further alleged that plaintiff was fond of making a show of herself and of finding fault. Also, "In spite of the fact that the club-footed teacher was in a position of giving instruction to her pupils, she was aware of her own knowledge, of being poor and shallow and of her qualification being insufficient to cope with the demand of the time. She was afraid that she could not maintain her means of living, and she frequently and busily called at

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TRAGIC PLYMOUTH COINCIDENCE.

DEATH OF FORMER G.C.H. MATRON & HUSBAND.

18 YEARS IN HONGKONG

News has been received from Home of the death, which, by a tragic coincidence, occurred on the same day, of a former Matron of the Government Civil Hospital, Hongkong, and her husband, Mr. William Crang Wickett.

Mrs. Wickett was formerly Miss Elizabeth Makor, who spent some 18 years in the Hongkong Medical Department, arriving here as a Sister in 1893 and becoming Matron of the Government Civil Hospital in 1911. This position she held until 1916, when she was invalided out. For a year or so, after reaching Home, she was very ill, but later made a complete recovery, and was later married to Mr. Crang Wickett, their home being in Plymouth.

Many older residents of the Colony will remember Mrs. Wickett and will deeply regret to hear of her death. During her period of service here, she proved herself a most capable and efficient Sister and Matron, and greatly endeared herself to all with whom she came into contact.

Some three months before her death, Mrs. Wickett had been in ill-health, and early in December her condition became so serious that she was removed to the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital in Plymouth. Her husband, who was extremely well-known in the West of England as the representative of a prominent leather firm, was compelled to retire some four or five years ago by reason of ill-health, and had been practically bed-ridden ever since. He passed away at his home, in Faverell Park Road, Plymouth, on December 6th, and on the same day his wife died in hospital. The funeral was largely attended.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wickett were very popular in Plymouth. Mr. Wickett was a member of a very well-known West Country family, his father having been chairman of directors of the Redruth Brewery Company, whilst several of his relatives are prominently associated with the tin industry.

ALLEGED FRAUD
ON BANK.

TWO ACCUSED APPEAR IN COURT.

The two men charged in respect of possession and conspiracy to utter two forged certificates of deposit on the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation for \$10,000, were again before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. M. A. da Silva represented one of the defendants.

Mr. Brooks informed his Worship that he would be in a position to start the case in about a week's time, the hearing being fixed for next Thursday afternoon at 2.15 p.m.

THE LATEST SUGAR PROPOSALS.

LIKELY AGREEMENT ON GERMAN QUOTA.

Berlin, Jan. 8.
The German delegates at the negotiations for a new World Sugar Convention have agreed to the non-European sugar exporters' proposal that Germany's export quota, be half a million tons, for 1930-31, 350,000 tons for 1931-32, and 300,000 tons for the succeeding three years.

It is expected that the German producers will consent to the foregoing at a meeting to be held on the 12th instant.—*Reuter*.

FINER WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that the strong anticyclone is now central over S.E. Mongolia. A depression is central between the Bonins and the Loochoos. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and fresh monsoon over the North China Sea. The local forecast is:—North winds, fresh; cloudy at first, finer later.

PREMIER LETS OUT HINT OF LABOUR VIEW.

SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR INDIA.

WITH NECESSARY SECURITY DURING TRANSITION.

RAPID PROGRESS.

London, Jan. 8.

The first definite hint of the Government's views and intentions regarding the future constitution of India was given to-day by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in a speech to his constituents at Seaham Harbour.

Referring to the Round Table Conference, he said that "the situation is being built up in relation to Indian needs and Imperial safeguards, and I do not see that there is the least danger to this country or its associated Dominions in giving to India those powers of self-government that—with all the qualifications for certain kinds of security that are required—will satisfy it and make it feel that the burdens of its government rest now upon its own shoulders and not on the shoulders of any outside body."

A general survey of the problems referred by the Round Table Conference to its Federal Structure Sub-Committee was completed to-day.

Report on Monday.

Lord Sankey, its chairman, anticipates that by Monday morning his report representing the maximum measure of agreement reached by the discussions will be in the hands of the members of the committee, which will meet for preliminary reviews of the report on Monday afternoon.

The examination will be continued on Tuesday and it is hoped the sub-committee will on Thursday make its full report to the whole Conference in committee, or to a plenary session.

The reports of the various other sub-committees will then be available and the Prime Minister, after considering them, will make a declaration of the Government's policy and intention. If subsequent events follow the course anticipated, the Conference should complete its labours by the nineteenth or twentieth of January.

Time for Construction.
In announcing the above to the sub-committee, Lord Sankey said that although they still welcomed criticism, they felt the time for construction had arrived.

The Government delegates welcomed as warmly as the Indian delegates, the very helpful and valuable contribution which Lord Reading had made, and he himself believed it was along such lines that the solution would be found.

Princes' Views.

Sir Akbar Hydari, of Hyderabad, said he entirely agreed with Lord Reading's safeguards, which were in the interests of India herself. He was prepared to recommend the Nizam to go to the extreme limit of concession, provided due provision was made for external and internal peace as well as for the security of the dynasty he represented.

In return, he asked the British India representatives not lightly to set aside the objections he had taken to certain aspects of the constitution which has been recommended.

The Maharaja of Bikaner said that Lord Reading's speech had caused great satisfaction throughout India. At least seventy-five per cent of the Indian States, if not more, would come into the Federation immediately, and would soon be followed by others. The Princes wanted to work as willing and co-equal partners with their British brothers of British India. The Conference must not, and he prayed God, would not fail.

Lord Peel.

Lord Peel said that before the Conservatives consented to the proposal they must know in detail what it actually was. There should be an end to all ambiguity (Continued on Page 7.)

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AN IRISH SOCIETY IN HONGKONG.

INAUGURAL MEETING WELL SUPPORTED.

The first general and inaugural
meeting of the St. Patrick's Society
was held in the room of the
Chamber of Commerce yesterday
afternoon, under the chairman-
ship of Mr. F. P. R. James, who in
the course of his speech explained
the aims of the Society. Some
fifty Irishmen were present, there
being also a number of ladies, in-
cluding Mrs. H. T. Creany.

Mr. G. Murphy, who arranged
yesterday's meeting, said:—Ladies
and gentlemen.—It being past the
time for which this meeting has
been called, I will suggest that we
proceed to business. I have sent
out notices for this meeting to as
many Irishmen as possible in the
Colony. An agenda for this meet-
ing has been drawn up, copies
have been distributed among you
and also copies of our proposed
articles of association. In order
that our proceedings may be con-
ducted with regularity, I propose
that a temporary chairman be
installed now to conduct this
meeting on the lines of the afore-
mentioned agenda. Therefore,
with your permission, I call upon
Mr. F. P. R. James to take the
chair.

Chairman's Speech.

Taking the chair, Mr. James
said:—
Ladies and gentlemen.—I thank
you for the honour conferred, but
wish to emphasise that I am chair-
man for this meeting only, and
that during our proceedings regu-
lar and permanent officials will
be elected who will be more suit-
able than I to preside on future
occasions.

It cannot but be evident to any
of us who have resided even for
a few years in this Colony the fact
that a central secular Irish Asso-
ciation—founded and run on lines
similar to, and for similar motives
as the other National Societies of
the farflung British race—in non-
existent here, and we might well
engender an Irish organisation
founded on the soundest principles
which we trust will be durable,
charitable, hospitable and in
every way foster and encourage
the traditions of our race. Whilst
our lack of an organisation has
been so long evident, we hope at
this meeting we will fill this long
felt need.

That Hongkong evidently once
had such an organisation I have
only recently ascertained. I read
only the other day that in 1879,
during the administration of Sir
Pope Hennessey, a successful
Irish function was held on March
17. What was begun fifty years
ago might well be carried out to-
day. Your presence here this
evening signifies your unqualified
approval of this Society.

I have been asked to state that
our proposed Society is non-par-
tisan and strictly secular, with the
sole motives in view of providing
a central Irish organisation which
will be able to devote a certain
percentage of its income to deserv-
ing charities, and on the Irish
National Day will be able to or-
ganise a function to which Irish-
men may invite their friends and
show them a little of that hospi-
tality for which the Emerald
Isle is so famous.

Basics of Constitution.

Mr. James then read the basis
of constitution of the St. Patrick's
Society, as follows:—

"The Society has been organised
to draw together members of the
Irish race in Hongkong under
whose control and auspices the
anniversary of St. Patrick and
other national festivals may be
celebrated; to assist charitable
causes in general and in parti-
cular to relieve distressed and
deserving countrymen insofar as
the funds of the Society will per-
mit."

The chairman proposed the
adoption of these constitutions, and
was seconded by Mr. W. G.
Fitz-Gibbon, the proposal being
carried unanimously.

With regard to the drafted rules
circulated to the gathering, several

THE DRUG TRAFFIC.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MISS ALMA RUBENS.

Hollywood, Jan. 8.
The film star, Alma Rubens, who
was arrested on Jan. 6, has
furnished \$35,000 bail in con-
nexion with a charge of participat-
ing in smuggling narcotics from
Mexico.—*Reuter's American Ser-
vice.*

It is alleged that Miss Rubens
had \$25,000 worth of drugs hidden
in the lining of a cloak. She
declares it to be a "frame up."

amendments were made, among
them being the question of eligibil-
ity for membership of the Society.
Rule No. 2 read:

The following are eligible for
ordinary membership:

(a) All persons born in Ireland.
(b) All persons either of whose
parents was born in Ire-
land.

The following are eligible for
associate membership:

(c) Persons of Irish origin.
(d) Such persons as, by reason
of their interest in, and
assistance to the Society,
the Committee may see fit
to elect.

On the proposal of Mr. Fitz-
Gibbon and seconded by Mr. An-
derson, the following amendment
was made and carried:

The following are eligible for
ordinary membership:

(a) All persons of the Irish
race are eligible for full
ordinary membership sub-
ject to approval by the com-
mittee.

The following are eligible for
associate membership:—

(b) Such persons as, by reason
of their interest in, and
assistance to the Society are
eligible to associate mem-
bership.

With the adoption of these
amendments, "b" and "c" of the
original Rule 2 were therefore
eliminated.

The next item on the agenda
was to decide on the form for the
annual function of the Society.
The chairman asked the gathering
to make some suggestions, but a
gentleman said he thought that
should not be gone into at the
meeting as they had no idea of the
number of members they would
have.

Mr. G. Murphy proposed that
the decision on the form of the
annual function should be left to
the incoming committee. This
was seconded by Mr. E. H. Wil-
liams, and was passed unanim-
ously.

The Committee.

Then proceeded the business of
electing fourteen to serve on the
committee. One of the rules read
as follows:

"They (the committee) shall
within one month of their election
as committeemen hold a meeting
at which they shall elect from
their body the following officers:—
President, two Vice-Presidents,
one Hon. Treasurer and one or
more Hon. Secretaries."

The fourteen elected yesterday
were:—Sir Joseph Kemp, Profes-
sor F. A. Redmond, Col. Myles,
Col. Stokes, Lieut. Commr. Brown,
Lt. Mahoney, Dr. Pope, and
Messrs. T. Murphy, B.H.C. Hal-
lowes, L. N. Murphy, H. C. Mac-
namara, E. H. Williams, F. P. R.
James and G. P. Murphy.
Before the gathering broke up,
a hearty vote of thanks was given
to Mr. G. Murphy for arranging
the meeting and also to Mr. F. P.
R. James for presiding.

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The Junior Results.

[To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—I shall be much obliged, if
you will kindly publish the fol-
lowing:

The result of the Junior Local
Examination, which had been an-
xiously waited for and even ac-
tually dreamt of, by those who had
sat for it, was at last published
yesterday. It has unquestionably
caused a tremendous joy to the
successful candidates, but how
much more tremendous sadness
has it caused to those who do not
see their names in the list? It
may be imagined how a sleepless
night was passed by the unsuc-
cessful candidates and their
tutors!

This result and that of the
Matriculation Examination pub-
lished about a fortnight ago, ob-
viously show that the standard of
knowledge of the students in the
middle schools is altogether too
low, save in only a few schools.
And it is no wonder why so many
students when passing out of
schools to embrace a profession
find themselves lacking knowl-
edge, especially general knowl-
edge.

The marking of the examination
papers this year is apparently by
no means lenient. This was not
anticipated before the sending in
of the entry forms, else the ex-
amination halls could not have
been so full up! This strict
marking has caused a certain
amount of melancholy to the un-
successful candidates, but, if it
will continue, it will in the long
run do the candidates ample
good, particularly the future
candidates.

For most of the candidates sit-
ting for the last examination were
entirely unfit, and I am sure the
registrar can tell much more than
myself about this. They depend-
ed largely on chance or the leni-
ent marking of the examiners to
creep through. When in the
lower classes they were too fond
of promotion and managed to se-
cure it; hence when they rushed
up to the higher classes, they
proved themselves totally unquali-
fied, as the last result has well
accounted for it.

Now if the examiners still con-
tinue to be so strict or even
stricter in marking the papers, so
as to signalise to these students
that there is absolutely no chance
or excuse for them who hope to
get it, then these students will
consider their promotion differ-
ently from before, and their teachers
will deal with promotions more
seriously and raise the standard
of all the classes to a greater ex-
tent, in order to make their pupils
satisfy the examiners. Conse-
quently, the University will have
better quality of students, and the
commercial field as well as other
professional circles will see better
proficiency.

The Italian Convent and the St.
Mary's School which have obtain-
ed enviable 100% success are to
be congratulated. One, who has
a daughter in either of these two
schools and a son in a "none-passed
school" will wish these two girl
schools to open classes for boys,
so that his children can pass at
the same time!

STRICT POLICY.

After the theatre



BOURNVILLE COCOA



OBITUARY.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR E. CHANNING.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 8.

The death has occurred of the
Harvard History Professor, Dr.
Edward Channing.

He had practically completed a
monumental history of the United

States.—*Reuter's American Ser-
vice.*

[Professor Edward Channing was
born in Massachusetts in 1856, and
was educated at Harvard, taking
the degree of Ph. D. in 1880. He
has been Professor of History at
Harvard since 1897, and his name
has become known the world over
through his research work and his-
torical publications, principally con-
cerning the United States. His
monumental History has been ap-
pearing in several volumes—
Volume I was published in 1906.]

Pinkettes Once a Week, Bring bloom to her cheek.

The bloom of a dew-freshened rose is not acquired from boxes
or in expensive beauty parlours. No greater untruth has
ever been uttered than the old adage that "beauty is only
skin deep." The beauty that clear, blooming skin and bright
sparkling eyes bring has its source in the internal organs.
When these are functioning perfectly the blood is kept clean
and pure, but when the eliminating organs are clogged, the blood
is contaminated and not only the appearance but the general
health is affected.

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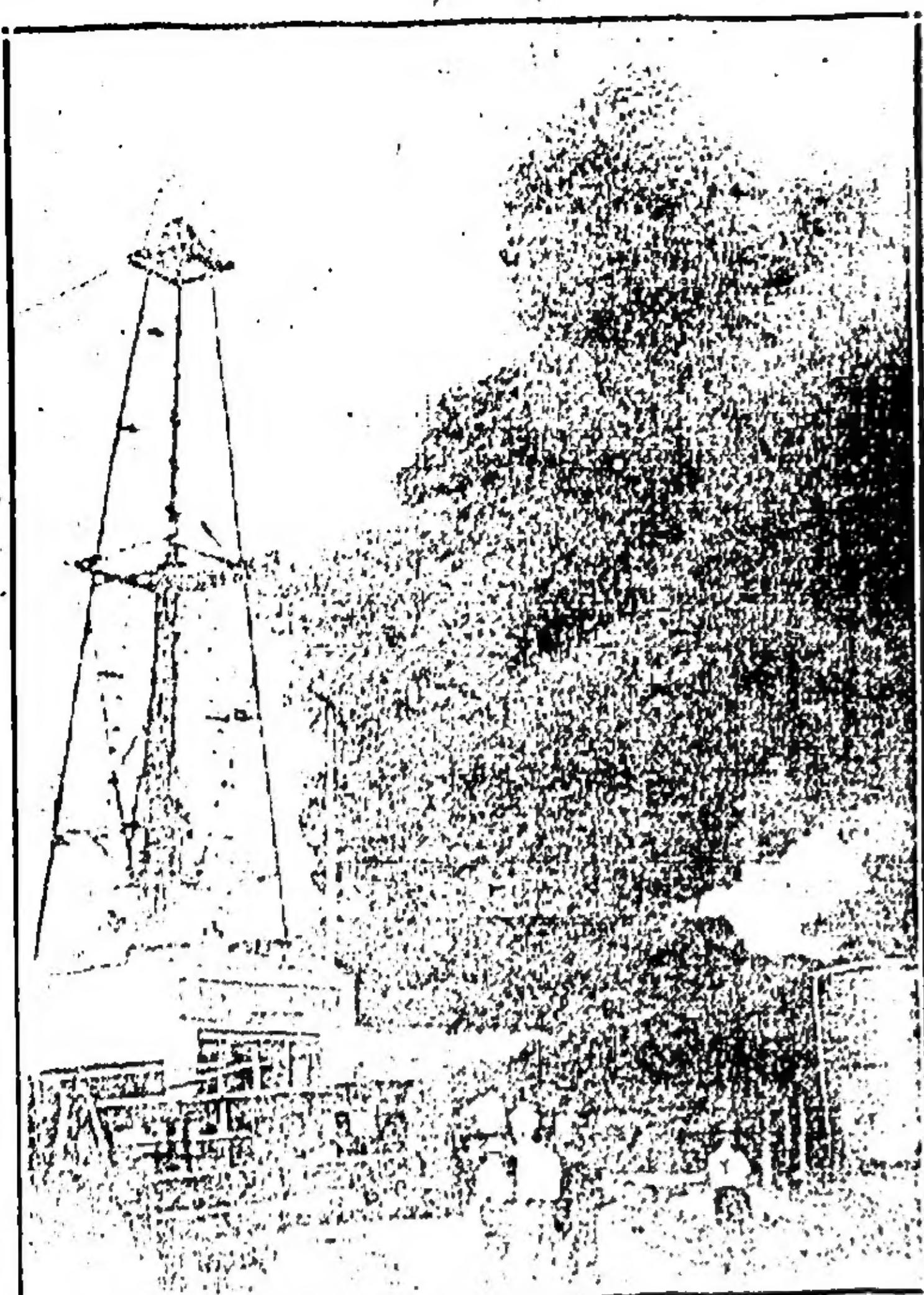
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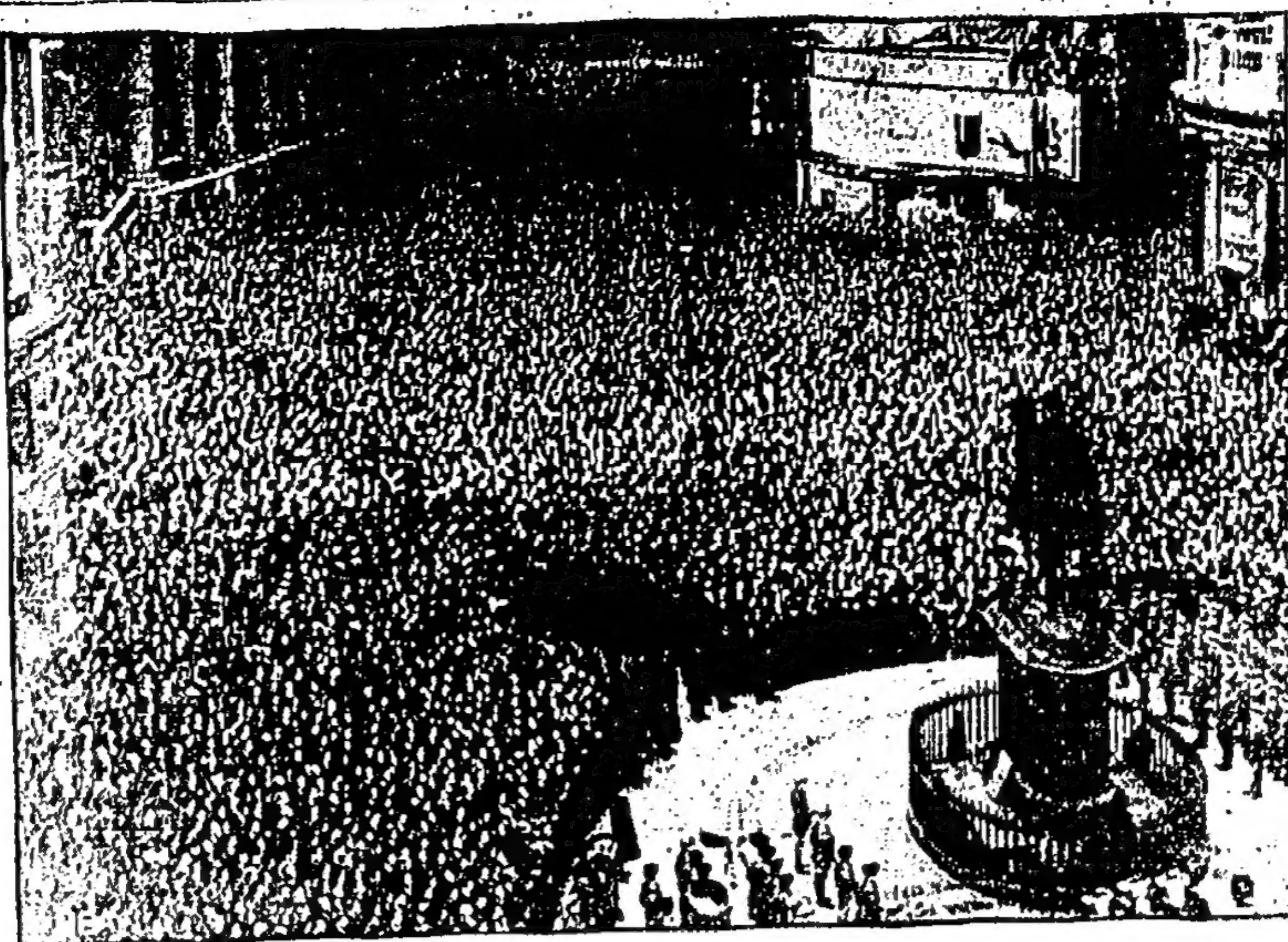


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each day—become
roxy, plump and
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friend! Ask for
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EMULSION





A spectacular fire swept the Inglewood-Potrero oil field of southern California, near Los Angeles, following a terrific explosion which destroyed vast oil properties and caused thousands of dollars' of damage. This picture shows the blaze at its height.



This picture showing an enormous crowd at a recent ceremony in London has been wrongly described by an agency as a Cenotaph scene. Can any of our readers place it?



Among the thousands of unemployed in New York engaged in the selling of apples is Mrs. Oscar Hammerstein, widow of the late and internationally known impresario. Identified by a photographer she sold her stock with extraordinary rapidity.



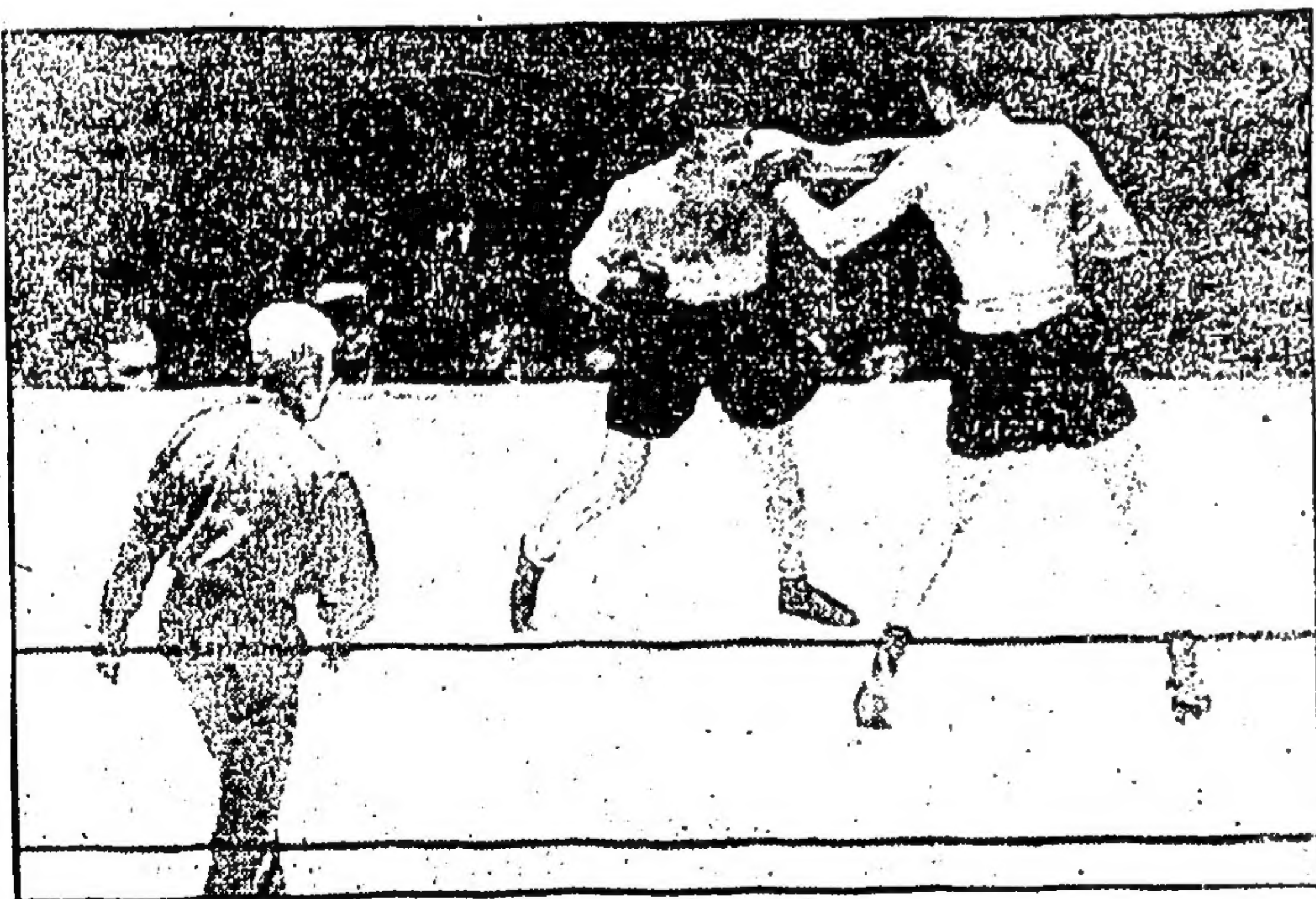
Picture shows rescue work in progress after two serious avalanches near Lyons, in which over sixty persons lost their lives. Police and firemen were seeking victims in the ruins when a second fall caused 35 more deaths.



Mr. Tchou Yen, new member of the French Municipal Council.



Our photo shows James M. Cox, Jr., leaving St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, with his bride, formerly Miss Helen Rumsey. He is a son of a former presidential candidate.



One of the biggest surprises in the boxing world lately was the defeat of Jimmy McLarnin by Billy Petrolle. The Irishman fought desperately but took tremendous punishment. Our photo shows scene during the bout, Petrolle being in the centre.



This picture was taken at the annual dinner of the Cathedral School Old Boys Association in Shanghai. The dinner, the first annual, was held at the S. V. C. Club, and Sir Peter Grain was the guest of honour.

The freedom of undress



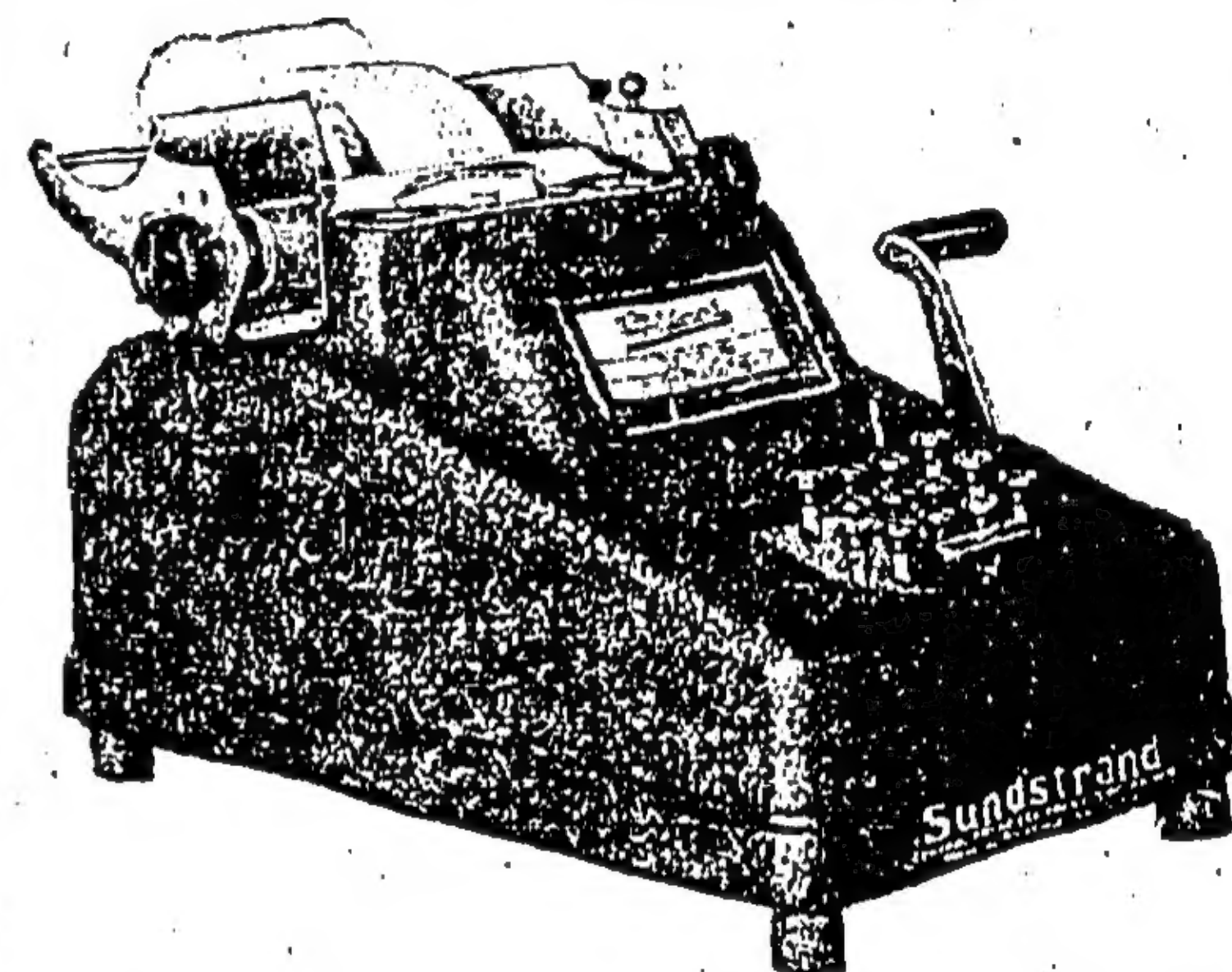
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CONVITE.

A Direcção do Club Lusitano tem a honra de convidar os Exmos. Srs. Socio do Club do Recreio, da Associação Portuguesa do Socorro Mutuo, da Liga Portuguesa e do Club Lusitano e suas Exmas Famílias e os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa para se reunirem na sala "Luiz de Camões" do Club Lusitano, na Sexta-feira, 9 de corrente, as 5,15 horas da tarde, a fim de assistirem a Recepção em honra do seu Ilustre Patrono, Sua Excelência o Governador de Macau, Senhor Artur Tamagnini de Sousa Barbosa e sua Exma Esposa.

Haverá em seguida Cha e dança. A fim de que esta recepção seja revestida do maior brilho possível a Direcção pede a comparencia de todos os Socios e suas Exmas Famílias e os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa.

A. E. S. ALVES,
Secretario.

Hongkong, 8 de Janeiro de 1931.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1,880 b.
Chartered Bank, \$1,745 n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$27 n.
East Asia \$115 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1,200 b.
Union Ins., \$555 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.20 a.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Fire, \$450 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,300 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$28 1/2 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$31 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$27 n.
Union Waterboats, \$39 a.

Mining.

Benguet, \$11.10 n.
Kailans, 28/6 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1 b.
Rauba, \$34 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$173 a.
Whampoa Docks, \$30 b.
China Providents, \$5.45 a. (old).
Hongkows, Tls. 284 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.10 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 117 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.60 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 90 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$12.25 b.
H. K. Land, \$84 1/2 b. (old).
do. \$83 1/2 b.
Shai Land Tls. 322 b.
Humphreys, \$17.45 b.
Realities, \$9.10 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18.10 a.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/4 a.
Star Ferries \$94 1/2 n.
China Lights, (old) \$25.50 a.
H. K. Electric, \$81 1/2 b.
H. K. Electric, \$18 a.
Telephones \$35 1/2 n.
China Buses, Tls. 19.60 n.
Singapore Tractions, \$7/10 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabona, \$27 n.
Cold Macq. Ord. Tls. 10.75 n.
Canton Iron, \$3.60 a.
Cements (Comb) \$17.70 a.
Ropes, \$12.05 b.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$25.00 b.
Watsons, \$12.50 b.
Der A. Wins, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$4 b.
Mackintosh, \$19 n.
Sincere, \$13 1/4 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$23 n.
Constructions, \$4.30 b.
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H.K.G. Loan 6% Prem.

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By Chiltern, in the "News-
Chronicle."

Motor firms in this country and
an American corporation are nego-
tiating for the use of a new process
enabling platinum to be used for
the plating of car lamps, and re-
flectors, radiator shells and all out-
side and inside body fittings for the
cheapest cars.

It is the greatest triumph since
the discovery of nickel plating, and
is the result of British cleverness
in precious metal refining combin-
ed with American plating research.

I saw several specimens of the
new work in a British factory.
They had been left exposed
to the fog and wet of the
last fortnight, and had not been
touched with any cleaning agent or
leather. Their sheen was wonder-
ful, brighter than the finest nickel
plate fresh from the polishing shop.

On Sheet Iron.
The metals used are platinum,
rhodium, a hard white metal rather
like platinum, and palladium, more
silvery than platinum, but with its
hardness. The plating is done on
sheet iron and gives a high per-
manent polish whiter than
chromium and almost as white as
nickel plate. It is not affected by
any weather chemical action and
retains its brilliant brightness with-
out labour of any kind.

The cost is only fractionally
dearer than chromium plating.
Several makers of the cheapest cars
in America and at least one British
firm are planning to use the pro-
cess for next year's cars.

The result, I am told, has only
been made possible by using Cana-
dian ore from the British Mond-
mines, refined by a special secret
Mond Nickel Ltd., process at
Willowden, and then exported to the
American firm.

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RADIO NOTICES.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their tele-
graphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

INWARD MAILS.

From Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 20th Dec. 1930.) Haruna Maru January 9.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 18th Dec. 1930.) Jeypore January 9.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 20th Dec.) Emp. of Japan January 9.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- Pres. Harrison January 10.
hai (San Francisco Dec. 12.) Suiyang January 10.
Shanghai and Swatow January 10.
Shanghai and Amoy January 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- Asama Maru January 12.
hai (San Francisco Dec. 20.) Pres. Madison January 12.
Manila (San Francisco Dec. 19.) January 12.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang- Pres. Pierce January 12.
Australia and Manila January 13.
Australia and Manila January 14.
Japan and Shanghai January 15.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the
time given below unless otherwise stated, and when mails are closed at 5 p.m.
on the previous day.

For Date and Time.
Sam Shui and Wuchow Kong Ning Fri., Jan. 9, 4 p.m.
Saloon Haidis Fri., Jan. 9, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Jeypore Sat., Jan. 10, 10 a.m.
East and South Africa Tehikam Sat., Jan. 10, 11.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard Emp. of Japan Sat., Jan. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Manila Pres. Harrison Sat., Jan. 10, 8 p.m.
Formosa Benlodi Sat., Jan. 10, 8 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Kaying Sun., Jan. 11, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hozan Maru Sun., Jan. 11, 9 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A. Central and South America and Europe Via San Francisco 4th Feb. Pres. Madison Mon., Jan. 12.
Parcel 3 p.m.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
(Due San Francisco 4th Feb.)

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Pres. Madison Mon., Jan. 12.
Registration 5 p.m.
Letters 6 p.m.

Batavia Tjibodas Tues., Jan. 13, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haining Tues., Jan. 13, 2 p.m.
Swatow Hydrangas Mon., Jan. 12, 3 p.m.
Swatow Chak Sang Tues., Jan. 13, 5 p.m.
Japan Kitano Maru Wed., Jan. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan Yungang Wed., Jan. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy Talyuan Wed., Jan. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Straits Van Heuts Thurs., Jan. 15, 10 a.m.
Dairen Rhekenor Thurs., Jan. 15, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Ching Fri., Jan. 10, 1 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, K.P.O. Sat., Jan. 17.
East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Kashmir Sat., Jan. 17.
Registration 16th 4.30 p.m.
Parcel 17th 9.00 a.m.
Letters 10.00 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 14th Feb.)

Sandakan Mausang Sat., Jan. 17, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta Hosang Sat., Jan. 17, noon.
Letters 1 p.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island Tai Ping Tues., Jan. 20.
Parcel Jan. 19, 5 p.m.
Registration Jan. 17, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due Thursday Island 21st Jan.)

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, General Metzinger Tues., Jan. 20.
East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles G.P.O. 1 p.m.
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 20th Feb.)

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, Sarpedon Tues., Jan. 20.
East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles K. P. O. 4.30 p.m.
Registration 4.30 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 18th February.)

*Superscribed Correspondence only.

The Hon. Foo Ping-sheung, LL.D. p.m. Return tickets (\$1.) may be
will distribute the prizes at St. obtained at the Blue Bird Shop.
Stephens' College, Stanley, on There will be an Old Boys' Dinner
Saturday, January 17th at 3 p.m. at the Hongkong Hotel the same
Parents and Old Boys and friends evening of which particulars may
are cordially invited to attend. be had from the Warden, or Old
Buses will leave Blake Pier at 2 Boys' Committee.

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The public examination of Mr.
Barbu Jonesco, described as of the
Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, and
lately of Oakhurst Court, South
Godstone, was ordered, at the London
Bankruptcy Court to stand
over until next sittings.

The Official Receiver reported
that accounts had just been handed
in showing ranking liabilities
of 256,000, and assets valued at
sufficient to provide a surplus after
payment of the debts. There were
also contingent liabilities of 136,000,
but they were not expected to
rank for dividend purposes. The
figures would have to be investi-
gated.

CINEMA NOTES.

JOAN CRAWFORD COMING IN
"OUR BLUSHING BRIDES."

"Our Blushing Brides," with Joan Crawford in the starring role and such cinema favourites as Anita Page, Dorothy Sebastian, Robert Montgomery, Raymond Hackett and John Miljan in prominent supporting roles, will be the screen attraction at the Queen's Theatre, starting Sunday and continuing for four days.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is said to have outdone itself in the matter of lavish settings, costumes, and unusual features for this production, having started off with a bang by hiring an entire Los Angeles department store, personnel and all, for the opening scenes which depict the daily routine of three women employees.

Subsequent romances of the three girls place them in the environment of the millionaire class, and advance information has it that these settings are the most lavish and artistic representations of modernistic interiors yet seen on the screen.

Unusual features of the picture include a spectacular fashion-show held in the gardens of a Long Island estate and an Albertina Ranch ballet, photographed at night. This last sequence required a six weeks' training course in Greek dancing upon the part of Miss Crawford who studied under the direct supervision of Mme. Albertina Ranch.

"Sarah and Son," Ruth Chatterton's theatrical career has been a series of drosses.

When she was 15 years old she went to Washington, D. C., to spend a Christmas vacation from an exclusive Southern finishing school. The vacation was spent in a round of matinees. She became stage-struck, and told her friends that some day she would be a great theatrical star.

The other girls laughed at her but failed to discourage her. Then they dared her to go on the stage. She answered by finding a job the very next night in the chorus of a show that was playing the national capital.

Five years ago a motion picture producer offered Ruth Chatterton a huge salary to desert the stage for the screen. She turned down the offer and went around Hollywood that Ruth Chatterton would never appear in pictures.

But about 18 months ago she was in the film capital again. A prominent director asked her to take a screen test. "Just for fun," she refused. He looked at her again and said, "You are afraid you won't make good on the screen, aren't you?"

That was a dare. She made the test the next day and it was pronounced a success. The test won her over to the screen as a medium for her art. A short time later she was signed by Paramount to play opposite Emil Jannings in "Sins of the Fathers."

Then came the talking films. Her first appearance on the audible screen was in "The Dummy." Then came "The Doctor's Secret," "Charming Sinners" and "The Laughing Lady."

Her fifth all-talking production for Paramount is "Sarah and Son," based on the best-selling novel of the same name by Timothy Shea. It is a picture of a mother's struggle to regain her young son who had been lost to her through the circumstances of hardship and poverty.

"Sarah and Son" will be shown for the last time to-day at the Central Theatre.

"The Vagabond King." From more than 100 applicants, eight girls as the most perfect types of romantic beauty for the colourful quest sequences of "The Vagabond King," Dennis King's starring song-romance in 100 percent Technicolor, which will begin at the Central Theatre to-morrow.

Five of the girls are decided blondes, one is a brunette. Two have dark hair and light eyes. Their average height is five feet, four and a half inches and their weight average is 123 pounds. They are from various sections of the United States.

"The Unholy Three." Lon Chaney in a talkie is a new experience which his many admirers have been waiting for. "The Unholy Three," a talkie version of a story which has been previously presented through the medium of the silent screen, is satisfying in that it enhances the dramatic ability of the great actor, fulfilling all expectations, and instilling a regret and sense of great loss that an untimely death has cut off a career which did not appear to have reached its zenith.

Chaney's powers of disguise and mimicry go hand and hand in this picture. He brings all the thrills of a crook drama, bewildering the eye by the facility with which he changes over from one role to another.

"The Unholy Three" can be heartily recommended to the attention of the picture-goer. It is being screened at the Queen's until Saturday.

WOMEN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Latest Pyjamas for the Winter Bride.



[By Joan Savoy.]

The hostess pyjamas shown this winter for the trousseau are well calculated to make every girl want to be a bride.

They are fashioned of the most sumptuous materials, brocades, velvets, satin, lame, metal cloth, with flowing lines of grace. Most of them would make a woman forget all the trouble her dinner has caused her when she dons them to greet her guests.

Very new are the flaring, full pyjamas that defy you to know they aren't skirts. At least until their wearer moves with feline grace and they trail along in twos.

The one-piece hostess pyjama is this winter's creation. Most of these suits have elbow or three-quarters sleeves. The most lavish

of them slips on a glamorous little sleeveless coat of some ravishing material.

One of the loveliest to be selected by new brides this year is a rich black chiffon velvet one-piece set with moulded body lines, bell sleeves that end at the top of cuff length and flaring trousers that simulate a skirt in their ease but are far more comfortable as every woman knows.

The piece de resistance of this charming suit is the little sleeveless coat of chiffon embroidered all over in delicate traceries in gold thread. Its little scroll design gives a richness against the supple black velvet that is real indeed. All in all this is the type of hostess outfit that will make a woman want to entertain every night in the week!

USEFUL MOTOR CUSHIONS.

One has always to admit the possibility of a smash of an accident while motoring, so the newest car cushions, which contain a small square "First Aid" box, are bound to become popular. The cushions, which are made of suede in various colours, open with a "Zip" fastener at one side to reveal the box.

FLORAL NECKLACE.

A dainty necklace for wear with a pink and white ensemble is made of tiny round pink beads, with yellow centres, and pointed, red and white striped leaves. The leaves form the background of the necklace, and the pink flowers are attached to each side, so that the leaves show through with a charming effect.

JEWELLERY.

Choosing the Right Kind.

Never forget that nothing is so significant of a woman's personality as her jewellery, so that you must never make the mistake of wearing the wrong jewels. How dreadful some women look, wearing jewels that have been chosen indiscriminately, and are worn haphazardly! The result is really ludicrous.

Many women wear lovely frocks, but the effect is quite ruined by the number of huge and showy ornaments which they wear on corsages, necks, arms and wrists.

The stones are often crudely coloured, obviously of glass, and they glitter dully in the dazzling, artificial lights.

If these colours are not natural—and they very rarely are—they cannot be becoming either to the complexion, or the gowns of the wearers; indeed, they actually spoil the beauty of a ballroom, and even make the prettiest woman appear vulgar. This, my readers may be called an awful warning.

In how much better taste is it to wear, either no jewels at all, or a few jewels that are perfect and real? The result is a distinction which speaks of the personality of women, who know how best to enhance their beauty.

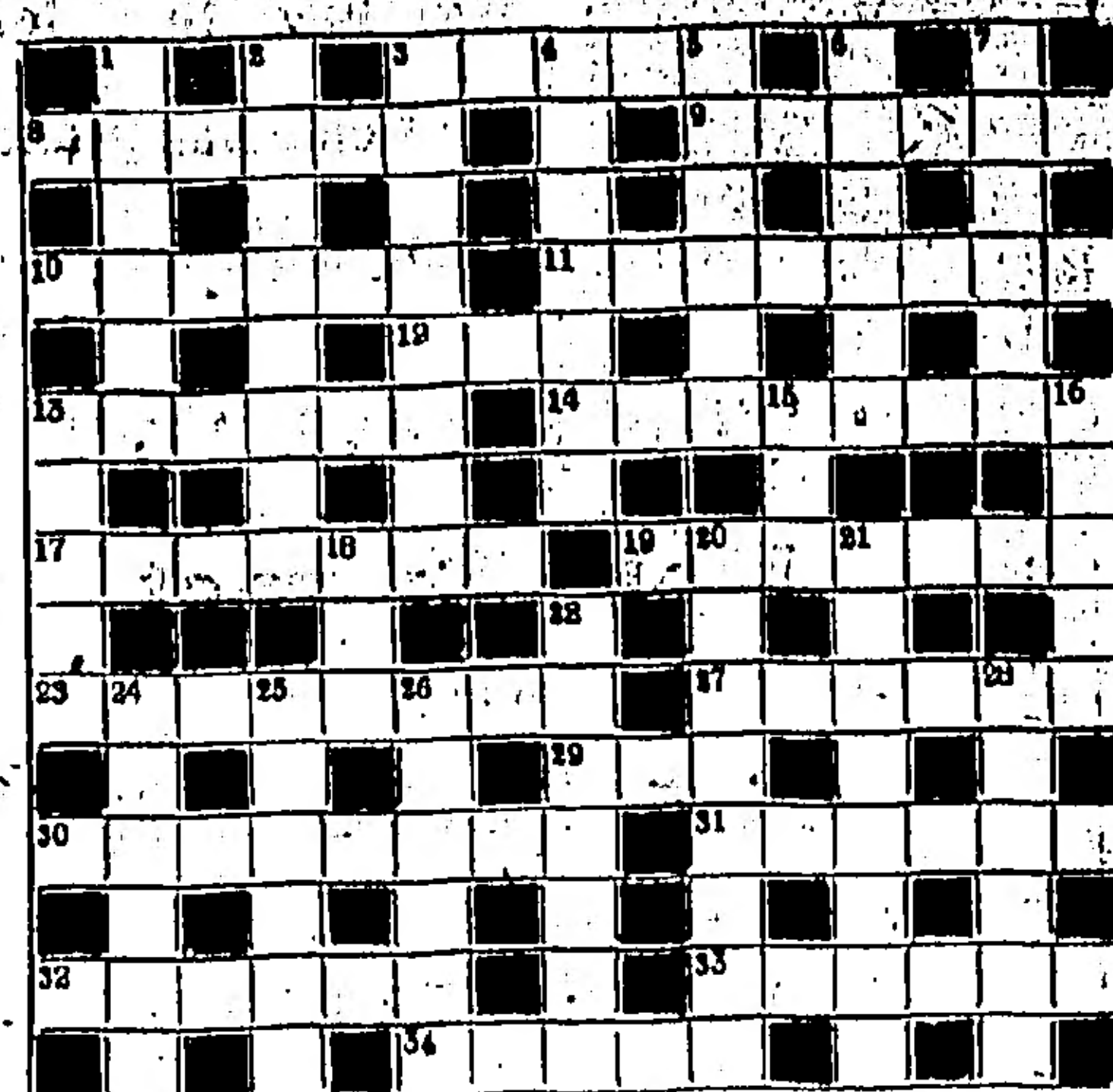
The real stone, which makes her hand more beautiful, has been selected after careful thought; the bracelet, in its delicate mounting, which adorns her wrist, rivals her bright eyes, and the slender row of fine pearls—seed pearls are not very expensive you know—worn around a white throat, these are a joy for the lover of beautiful things.

A Novel Collar.



A dark green crepe de chine model shows a novel collar of pale green satin finishing in a little frilled jabot. The sleeves come into line with strappings and frills of the same material.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across
- 3 "New—demand new measures and new men." (Lowell, "A Glance Behind the Curtain.")
 - 8 No one can tell what this may hold.
 - 9 Good fellows who are pretty sure to win.
 - 10 The calling which made no appeal to Mr. H. G. Wells, in his youth.
 - 11 "Deaf hero" (anag.).
 - 12 Five of this completion figure in a curious public-house sign.
 - 13 Twine.
 - 14 The Pyramids are this.
 - 17 Careful and discreet, though uncivil to a certain extent.
 - 19 A matter much discussed in connexion with the world's navies.
 - 23 What the Government ought to do.
 - 27 Wool may be thus treated, but animals should not be.
 - 29 This is all in bits.
 - 30 "Use traps" (anag.).
 - 31 A particular variety begins to inflame.
 - 32 There is plenty of sting in this beer.
 - 33 Place nothing in this register and it will grow.
 - 34 "When the comes to the—no man is without a friend who is possessed of shaving-materials."—David Copperfield.
- Down
- 1 A common object, of the Mediaeval land-scape that may be seen on any modern battleship.
 - 2 "I led pups" (anag.).
 - 3 A figure of four angles.
 - 4 What the American motor-cyclist calls his silence.
 - 5 The manifesto, reduced to plain language, I shall post on Edinburgh's walls (hidden).
 - 6 An insincere person who, when oily, has made many a man's fortune.
 - 7 A nasty wrench that would be nothing were it not for the rain.
 - 13 This Thespian of little account is above.
 - 15 The subject of a famous ode.
 - 16 A characteristic of the Fat Boy in Pickwick.
 - 18 Before.
 - 20 Pluralised this becomes a suburban locality.
 - 21 Scarcely adequate as a description of Scroog's leading characteristic.
 - 22 A form of facial disfigurement once popular.
 - 24 Card game.
 - 25 This is retained in regard to a temporary shelter.
 - 26 This path wants some following—don't go wide of the mark.
 - 28 Girl's name.

Yesterday's Solution.

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THE FELIX VILLAS
MURDER.EVIDENCE REGARDING A
PREVIOUS FIGHT.

The Felix Villas murder case was again before Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Magistrate's, yesterday afternoon.

A coolie employed by Mr. Ohl told the Court he first noticed signs of trouble between the accused and the deceased, this being five months ago. "I was present when they had a fight. Deceased threw a cooking pot at the other man's head, cutting it slightly, and he retaliated with his fists."

Replying to the Bench, witness could not say which of them won the fight.

The Magistrate: The fight ended in a draw?

Witness agreed. He said the accused was possessed of the better physique of the two.

The cause of the trouble, witness went on to say, was due to the deceased disobeying accused's orders. He knew of four keys in the possession of the servants six months ago, one of these being for the back-gate; but found only

two at a search made after the murder.

Shown an iron bar, which the prosecution previously stated never left the deceased's possession, witness said he had never seen the weapon before.

Witness was not certain whether the back-gate was always locked at night, and by the deceased, during the four months that the deceased had taken over accused's job and accused left Mr. Ohl's employ.

Mr. Lindsell observed that the witness's evidence regarding the keys was flimsy and unsatisfactory.

The case was adjourned.

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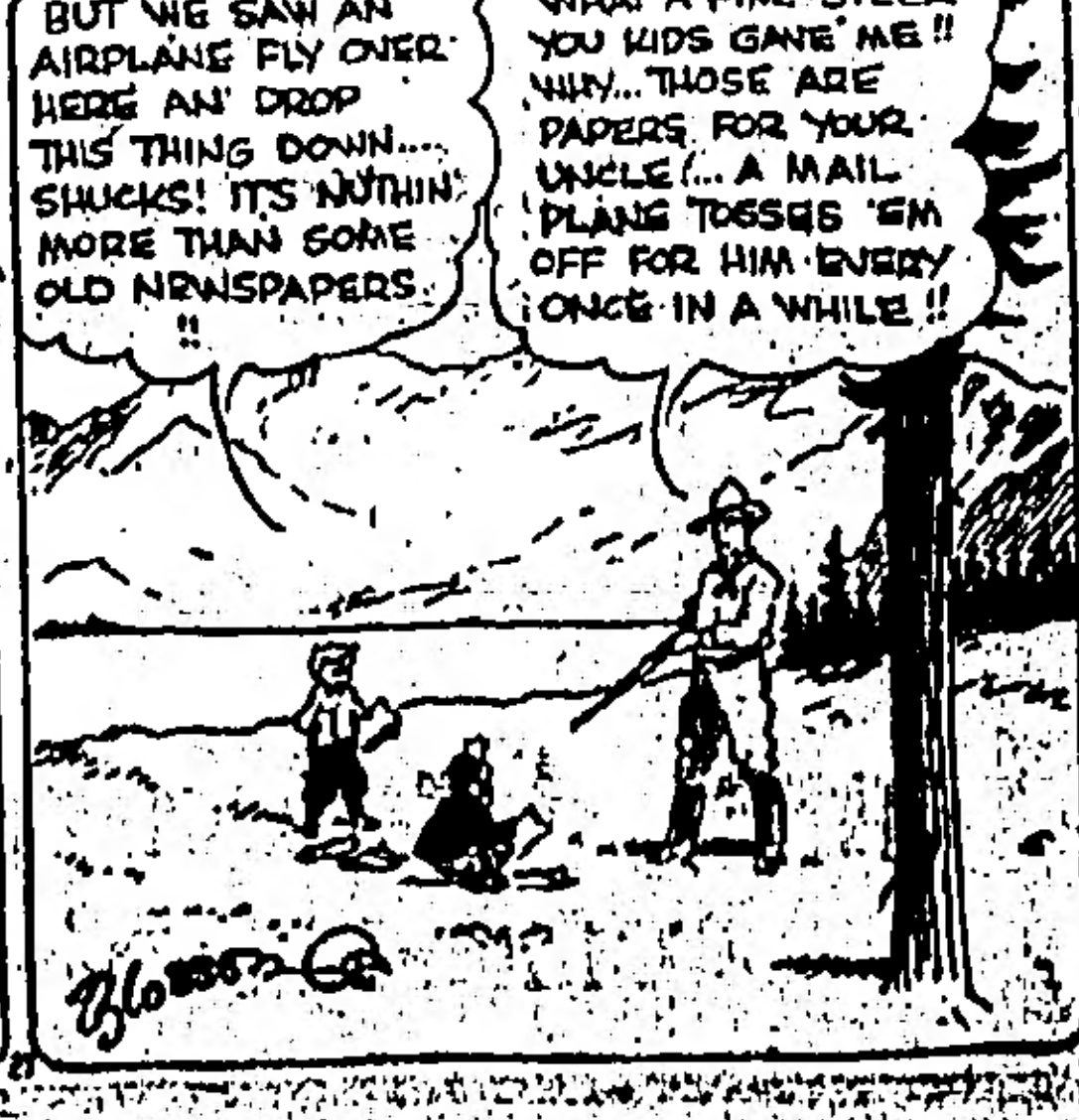
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TOO AMBITIOUS SCHOOLS.

Shortly before he left the Colony, Sir Cecil Clementi uttered a warning to Hongkong school authorities against excessive ambition. He observed that there is room in Hongkong for good schools without the three senior classes, adding that attempts to conduct an upper school without adequate staffs have handicapped more than one private school. This was so, he said, because such efficient staff as was available concentrated on the preparation of boys for the Junior Local Examinations, for which very few of their pupils entered and most of them failed, while the equally important lower and remove classes were ignored. Some of these remarks would appear to be particularly apposite in view of the results of the Junior Locals which have just been announced.

Looking through the examination results, we have been struck by the very poor showing made by some of the smaller institutions. In some cases, every candidate entered failed to satisfy the examiners. Contemplating this fact, we cannot but deplore the waste of time and energy implied, to say nothing of the disappointment to pupils and parents alike. Whether there are any instances, under this heading, of neglect of the lower classes by reason of the staff concentrating on the preparation of pupils for the Junior Locals, it is, of course, not possible to say; but it is obvious from the results that very considerable numbers of pupils were entered who could not possibly hope to succeed. In the speech of Sir Cecil Clementi to which we have referred, it was emphasised that the Education Department has to enter to a large number of boys and girls who have to leave school before the Junior Local stage, and Sir Cecil did well to lay stress on the point that brilliant results in public examinations are only commendable if, at the same time, the rest of the school is adequately provided for and efficiently conducted. It is to be feared that these considerations are not given the weight which they should be in many of the schools of the Colony, with the dual consequence that those who do not enter the examinations suffer from lack of attention, whilst very many of those who do enter are attempting an impossible task. The latter point is well

illustrated from the fact that in the results just announced it is disclosed that out of 689 pupils who actually took the examination, no fewer than 456 failed, which means that only approximately a third of the entrants succeeded.

The argument that the examination may have been too stiff would appear to be countered by the fact that some of the schools did get a hundred per cent. passes. On the other hand, it is possible that certain schools may "cram" for these examinations—a policy to be regretted, inasmuch as this is not education in the true sense.

The tremendous waste of effort disclosed by these figures should give the managements of some of our schools serious food for thought. However valuable higher education may be, the fact must be recognised that the great majority of school children in this Colony need nothing better than a thoroughly good grounding in primary subjects. Give them that, and they will go out into the world sufficiently equipped for the life which lies ahead of them—possibly better equipped, for all practical purposes, than they would be by dabbling in subjects of which they cannot hope to secure a really good grasp. To some extent, the problem is just the same in England as it is in Hongkong, with the proviso that it is more apparent and more greatly emphasised here. In education, as in all other spheres of life, it is folly to attempt to run before the art of walking has been mastered.

Civil Service Age Limit.

Some very outspoken comments, possessing considerable interest for the majority of Hongkong's civil servants and pointing, possibly, an avenue worthy of investigation by the Retrenchment Committee, are contained in a recent issue of the *Times of Malaya*. The subject matter of the article was the prospect of the appointment of a new Chief Secretary when Mr. Cochrane retires this year, "as Mr. Cochrane must and should do, on his reaching the age limit of fifty-five." "When we say," the writer goes on, "that Mr. Cochrane should and must retire next year, we say it for two reasons. Firstly, Mr. Cochrane will have served in Malaya for the long period of thirty years and, apart from anything else, is fully entitled to his pension, while, secondly, were Mr. Cochrane to decide to stay on it would be most unfair to every member of the Malayan Civil Service as this would block promotion right down the line." The journal believes in the maxim laid down in Sir George Maxwell's now very famous memorandum, namely, retirement before decay. It was a maxim which was applied to Sir George Maxwell himself in spite of the fact that he was one of the most brilliant administrators Malaya ever had, and there is a great deal to be said for it even when it appears to bear hardly upon an individual or upon an administration in special circumstances. In Hongkong, for instance, there are at least thirty members of the Civil Service who remain on the active list in spite of the fact that they have passed the age limit. Nearly all of these gentlemen have completed 25 years' service, hold high administrative posts with commensurately high emoluments and are entitled to good pensions. We do not wish to suggest it is because every year adds a little to their savings and to the amount of their pensions, that they hang on, but whatever the motive, there is a very strong feeling in the Service that if the "axe" is to be applied in the cause of economy, it can be employed in this direction without harm. Younger men would step into their shoes, obtaining the promotion for which they have striven and to which they are justly entitled. Doubtless, the Retrenchment Committee is bearing in mind this aspect of the problem before it. On the face of things, it would seem obvious that the greatest saving in the easiest way, causing the least hardship, is to be effected if staff reductions, where considered necessary, begin at the top.

DAY BY DAY

THE HEART OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE IS AS BIG AS ITS PURSE.—W. J. Locke.

The Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., advertise that Mr. R. K. Hepburn having returned to the Colony will take charge of the Company's Hongkong Branch as from January 9.

The Royal Italian Consulate General in Hongkong informs us that the Portuguese Government has accorded approval of the appointment of Mr. Fernando de Senna Fernandes Rodrigues to be honorary Royal Vice-Consul of Italy at Macao.

A reception will be held at the Club Lusitano this evening at 5.15 p.m. in honour of H. E. the Governor of Macao, Senhor Artur Tamagnini do Sousa Barbosa and Madam Barbosa, to which the Portuguese community is invited.

The troopship *Nevasa* is due in Hongkong to-morrow at 8 a.m. and will probably leave again in the afternoon. On board is the Worcester Regiment which has recently been at Chinwangtao, and is on its way to India. The *Nevasa* will take a few details from the Colony for return to Rome.

The Kowloon Fire Station received a call at about 5.30 this morning from the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha coalyard at Yumati. Three engines were despatched to the scene, where it was discovered that a heap of slack coal had ignited. The blaze was soon extinguished without any serious damage being done.

Through the courtesy of the Chairman and Committee of the Comrades' Association Club the "Drawing" in connexion with the St. John Ambulance Brigade has been arranged to take place on the premises of the abovementioned association on Wednesday, Jan. 14th, at 4 p.m. Purchasers of tickets are invited to attend to witness the draw.

Mr. Paul Sykes, the Canadian Government Trade Commissioner at Hongkong, and Mrs. Sykes returned to the Colony to-day on the R.M.S. *Empress of Japan*. Mr. Sykes has been in Canada during the last eight months both on leave and discussing with Canadian exporters the possibility of further developing Canadian trade with Hongkong and South China.

An extremely enjoyable time was spent by about 100 couples at the restaurant of Messrs. Lane Crawford last night, on the occasion of the third annual dance held by the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club. Over the entrance to the dance floor were two crossed hockey sticks, together with the Club's badge. Popular dance music was provided by the Lyric Dance Orchestra. The event was, in every way, a success, thanks to the energetic work of the Secretary, Miss Nancy McNeillie, and the organising Committee.

BEAUTY UNSHEATHED.

By J. C. R.

It is at an obvious disadvantage that I begin. Stars are not an original subject. But the fact that my effort may end in an unfinished essay does not swerve me from my purpose. I long have felt that I might, upon the proper occasion, make some very pertinent remarks about stars. The difficulty then is one of discrimination. Time being relative in any event, I see no reason why this moment will not serve as well as another.

Max Ehrmann tells us not to forget "the uses of the stars." This seems at first glance a strange admonition. Are we then so likely to forget that stars have uses? In a general way I like to think of them as the glowing children of the sky who help me fit unwieldy words into the curved melody of my verse. Thus, speaking as a poet, May no astrologer read these lines, for I am about to make a confession: I know only the most familiar stars by name. In fact, I know only those which, by reason of the rise and fall of accent upon their syllables, are most easily used in a rhyme scheme. Therefore I speak with the authority of one who is not hampered by the technicality of his subject.

One need only stand at night upon some high place, unincumbered by earth's shapes, or by self, to realise how great are the "uses of the stars." If there is poetry in you it will stir, if there is song in your heart it will sing—silently. Stars engender quiet; the sky, their own glow, and the hushed voices of the night, these are enough. And if I know their names I would be saying, "There is Orion!" Instead of "There is Beauty unsheathed!" No, astrologer, berate me if you will, I should not care to know their names.

Stars have wisdom, a greater wisdom than men. They have seen, and they have profited by what they saw. They sparkled upon the waters as Odysseus sailed homeward. They shone upon the sails unfurled in Carthage Bay. Bathed in their radiance, a Carpenter prayed for guidance on the Mount of Olives. They smiled down upon Launcelot and the seekers of the Holy Grail. Underneath their light Lincoln walked the darkened streets of Richmond and was not unmindful of them, meditating upon the emptiness of victory; and it was their light that helped to guide a throbbing plane across the black waters of the Atlantic such a short time ago.

All this they know, and so are still. Is it not idle to attempt in any manner to measure the "uses of the stars" which are separated from us by the expanse of countless light years? Of what good are words for a subject of such magnitude? We might say with Eunice Tietjens—

"Oh, is there any use then
In putting words together.
Words as hard to manage
As leaves in windy weather?"

And is there any use then
In marking where they fall,
Words that fly apart again
In no time at all?"

True, there is the satisfaction of having contributed in a way, no matter how humble, to a phenomenon almost beyond the ken of understanding. For all I know words are yet they are something; the only tools I have with which to evolve an offering. Were I a painter I would speak from the canvas, and thus find a more tangible means of expression. Were I a musician I would speak in liquid arpeggios and crescendos of a star I saw some time ago, a single star alone in the late fall heavens. It glowed red and white, and the measureless space between myself and it scintillated with its luminescence. There was a message there for me. I remember reading, long ago, of an ancient philosopher who said, "I read messages in the stars. Not in the way that other men pretend to receive guidance in their daily affairs. A greater message than these I read. The stars tell me that they have seen and they see. They tell me that those things that are of the past are finished, and though they are full of portent, they are but mere shadows of the things that are to be, and they shall all be good."

This has always interested me because it shows so well that the importance of all nature is dependent upon what we bring to it. If we bring wisdom, we receive wisdom in return. And so it is that where the ancient philosopher looked up to the stars and read the future, the sailor may gaze up and find there naught but the answer of tomorrow's weather.

I have known what it is to come home beneath the stars, not in the way of proceeding toward a destination, but as having already arrived. I have looked up to them in all the loveliness of their fixed beauty. I knew they were shining and though the morrow's sky might cloud them from me, yet they would still be there, their radiance undimmed. They became in some unaccountable way one with my stubborn thoughts which I am labouring so hard to set down upon paper. Like the stars, I know they are shining, but it is so difficult to keep the mist from between them and those for whom they are meant.

"Faithful," someone said, "faithful as the fixed stars." That is a fine phrase: "the fixed stars," inflexible, unyielding, unswerving, true. Oh, yes, the stars have uses.

"There are two countries," the ancients said, and that is true to-day. There is that country in which for the most part I need must stay, where the streets are full of the rush and rattle of trains, and the blare of motor horns. There are no stars in this country; the arc lights have blown them out. But oh, there is another country far from this, one filled with wide open fields and wandering roads and

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Ain't Art Wonderful?
"Oh, Jack, isn't the smoke and soot and dirt simply beautiful!"

THREE SNATCHERS
SENTENCED.CASES IN HONGKONG AND
KOWLOON.

PRISON AND BIRCHING.

On a charge of snatching a handbag from Mrs. Vanilly, in Des-Voeux Road, yesterday, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour and eighteen strokes of the birch in addition.

According to Inspector Shaftain, Mrs. Vanilly and a friend were walking along Des Voeux Road, near the Sincere store yesterday, when the defendant, approaching from behind, snatched her handbag, containing \$24. Her friend saw the act and shouted. The defendant was instantly seized by a Chinese passer-by.

Another Case.

One year's imprisonment and 20 strokes of the birch was the sentence imposed by Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a Chinese named Yim Fan for having snatched a handbag from a woman named Lau Wai-man, in Waterloo Road yesterday.

Inspector Clarke said that about three o'clock yesterday afternoon the complainant, carrying a baby came out from the Post Office in Waterloo Road. Both mother and child were holding the handbag. The defendant came from behind snatched the bag and ran away. A Chinese detective gave chase and the defendant was caught by a Chinese constable.

Attempt Which Failed.

Convicted on a charge of having attempted to snatch a rattle and gold bangle from a small boy, playing outside his house in Castle Peak Road yesterday, a man named Leung Sum was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Mr. Butters, at Kowloon today. Sub-inspector Hourihan prosecuted.

Two other children stated that they were playing with the small boy outside the house at about 11 a.m. yesterday, when the defendant came up and attempted to snatch the bangle which the boy was wearing. Defendant, however, failed to get the bangle off and ran up the hill. Cries of "Snatching!" drew the attention of an Indian constable who arrested defendant.

Defendant said he was on his way to see his uncle when he heard cries of "Snatching!" and "Save life!" He started to run and was arrested by the constable.

PREMIER LETS OUT
HINT

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which might lead to the good faith of Britain being questioned.

Denying closely with the duties and responsibilities of the Viceroy he said that some power of certification must be reserved in order to carry out with the assent of the Cabinet, the ordinary work of legislation.

If the Viceroy was to be responsible for the Army he must have undivided control, define the situation in which it was to be used, and control its mobility and communications. It might be required to support the Police and the Viceroy must, therefore, be kept in close touch with the conditions in the Provinces. The Viceroy should also exercise control over the Budget and keep in the closest touch with the movements of the national finance. He should also preside over the Cabinet and maintain familiar touch with affairs.

While not wishing to display a critical spirit, and excluding no solution, the Conservatives wished, before the coping stone was put on the building to assure themselves that the foundations were well, truly and harmoniously laid.

Lothian's Advice.

Lord Lothian, Liberal, supporting the views expressed by Lord Reading declared that the only safeguard against revolutionary agitation was responsibility.

It filled him with some anxiety that they seemed to be launching India in the Provinces on a basis of self-government on an ordinary parliamentary majority rule system in unicameral legislatures. Practically all constitutions, until recently, within the British Empire had been bicameral.

He urged the Conference to consider very carefully now that the overriding question of responsibility was passing out of the way, whether it could seriously recommend to India that its ten provinces should start on such a basis.

The Summing Up.

Sir Tej Sapru, winding up the discussion, recalled that the object of the Conference was not to draft a constitution, which must be left to constitutional draftsmen later.

He thought he was entitled to ask the Chairman to say that the real object had been attained and

GROSS LIBEL ON A
TEACHER.

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Hongkong with a view to courting the favour of the trousers dealer and others because the said trousers dealer, Ngau, was the founder and member of the Board of Directors of that school. As such was the character of the club-footed teacher, is it not fit and proper to call her the rotten element of the educated class?"

Entirely Unfounded.

Mr. Lo commented that it was hardly necessary for him to observe that the accusations were entirely unfounded and that there was no justification whatever for the allegations against the unfortunate plaintiff. It was a disgusting libel and the paper had never, in any way, admitted justification for the article or tried to prove it.

He continued that after the article had been published, his firm was instructed by plaintiff to write to the paper and demand a withdrawal of the allegations and a public apology in such a form as approved; payment of damages was also demanded. That letter was not heeded and consequently a writ was issued. As soon as the writ was issued, defendants paid full damages and costs into Court.

Commenting that such conduct was beneath any paper of standing, Mr. Lo suggested that the article had been written in order to enable the paper to live up to its name of being "peppery." He asked for judgment for plaintiff and an order that the money paid into Court should be paid out to her.

A Gross Libel.

His Lordship:—Is this paper published in Hongkong?

Mr. Lo:—Yes.

His Lordship:—It seems to me to be a very gross libel. It should never have been made against a lady of the standing of the plaintiff. The defendants have not come here to justify it or to make any kind of defence. They have made no apology and have, in fact, admitted their liability for it by payment into Court of the full amount claimed with costs. I will give judgment for the plaintiff for \$1,000 damages and costs, and order payment out of Court to her.

SUGAR MARKET.

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The following cabled quotations at the close of the sugar markets yesterday have been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.:—

London Terminals.

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May 6/4 3/4 up 3d.
August 6/7 3/4 up 3/4d.
December 6/11 3/4 up 3/4d.

New York Terminals.

March 1.35 up 4 pts.
May 1.42 up 3 pts.
July 1.49 up 3 pts.
September 1.57 up 4 pts.
December 1.55 up 5 pts.
San Domingo 96% C.I.F. U.K. small business has been done January 6/3.

London 8/1/31.—Agreement has been reached with Germany, export quota 500,000 tons this year, 350,000 tons next, 300,000 tons other years. Market firm, little offering. It is generally expected that offerings will increase, particularly Raw Beet Sugar, when complete agreement has been reached.

Liverpool 8/1/31.—Rumoured Chadbourne reaching agreement with Germany.

New York 8/1/31.—Believe Cuba will restrict lower than 3,570,000 tons as agreed.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended January 7th, 1910.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9 1/2d.

The Clubhouse of the Boys' Own Club was opened by Mrs. W. J. Gresson.

Major-General Sir John (later Viscount) French, Inspector-General of the Forces, paid an official visit to Hongkong.

Sir John Jordan suggested that the question of the Macao boundary should be referred to The Hague Tribunal, but the Chinese Foreign Ministry stated that it could be amicably settled by China and Portugal.

Mr. Fred J. Hallon assumed charge of the Hongkong Agency of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

to hold that a maximum amount of agreement regarding responsibility at centre and the status of India had been arrived at—British Wireless and Router.

FAKE ROBBERY
STAGED.FIVE FOKS WHO TIED
THEMSELVES UP.

ALL SENT TO GAOL.

Five shop foks of No. 31, Nam Cheong Street, named Yee Yuk, So Kai, Au Yui, Chan Kine and Chu Wing, appeared before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, each charged on three counts.

The accused were charged with the larceny of \$200 from Sui Ka-yu, manager of the shop, on Wednesday last, and charges of receiving were also preferred against each defendant, the first in respect of \$31.86; the second \$36; the third \$23; the fourth \$45 and the fifth \$35.

The third charge against accused was of having maliciously damaged a safe belonging to the complainant, to the extent of \$20.

All the defendants pleaded guilty. Detective Sergeant Goodwin said that about 5.30 a.m. on Wednesday, the Shamshui police received a report of an armed robbery on the ground floor of No. 31, Nam Cheong Street. They proceeded there and found the place, a paint shop, in great disorder, with clothing thrown all over the floor, the door

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART
SUPPLEMENT.Interesting Pictures
To-morrow.

There will again be an interesting selection of pictures in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement.

Sporting events covered will include the Army and Navy cricket match, the University Past and Present cricket game, and the soccer match between the Services and the Rest.

Groups will appear of the wedding of Mr. L. Well and Miss Veronica Jefford, and of Mr. Wong Ying-lu and Miss Yeung Lal-fong, whilst other groups will be given of the guests at the supper dance of the Euro-American Returned Students' Union, of the staff of King's College, and of officials associated with the United Photoplay Services, which has opened a studio at Ming Yuen Gardens. A picture of those who took part in the Nativity Pageant at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, will also appear.

The "Bowen Players," who recently gave a successful concert, will also be seen in costume.

Shipping pictures will include the launching of the mammoth liner President Hoover, and a striking photograph of the President Madison battling with mountainous seas in the Pacific on Christmas Day.

broken open and a safe forced. All the defendants were found with their hands bound up. They lived on the premises, while the master lived at Lanchihok. The defendants were taken to the station, where they admitted that they had staged the alleged armed robbery.

The safe had been forced open with a crowbar and the contents rifled. The defendants took the police to the places where they had concealed the money. The money had been divided between them.

The Sergeant further added that this was the second case of the kind in Shamshui, and he therefore asked that a serious view be taken.

Mr. Butters imposed sentence of two months' imprisonment each.

BEAUTY UNSHEATHED.

(Continued from Page 6.)

a vast velvet sky with stars in its depths. That is my familiar country. I know the feel of its brown earth breaking beneath my boots.

I understand the cry of the night wind whispering through the trees. The aspen, the willow and the elm, each with a star in its hair, are my friends. They have taught me all that I know about song, and singing. Perhaps that is the reason why it is strange to me that anyone could forget that stars have uses.

Even these folk, I think, must some day come upon them in the street reflected and dancing in a little pool left by the rain.

As for myself, I leave with the first dawn-stars all the poems I might have written, all the songs I have not sung, all the essays that began and faltered before they reached fulfillment on paper, because I have learned that with the stars nothing is lost, and they will return more durable than before.

This I know because I have begun to discern in an humble way, the "uses of the stars."

J. C. R.

CHINA'S SOLUTION IN
SILVER CRISIS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

per and lead, silver came in, and what where they going to do with it? Throw it away?

An Impossible Scheme.

Our representative was reminded that the Sub-Committee recommended entering into discussions with British and other Governments as to the advisability of fixing an International value of silver, but it was again pointed out that this was but an endeavour to control silver, which was impossible unless some philanthropic person came forward to say he would buy all the silver that anybody could get, and that was equally impossible.

As to the accusation that the British policy of selling silver in the depressed markets was the major cause of the world depression, our representative was informed that America was also selling just as much silver, as was Indo-China. Furthermore, it was not the Indian Government which was selling the silver from India. It was being disposed of by private sources. He regarded the selling of silver as just an ordinary exchange sale, as purchasers in the London market had to cover their gold sale.

New York Opinion.

Certain financial authorities in New York it may be pointed out, have already expressed the opinion that a world conference, authorized to take drastic remedial measures, perhaps in the form of bimetalism, is what is needed. They feel that the depressed buying power of the Orient will very soon force the western world to take some action toward helping again to enthrone silver among the precious metals.

Europe paradoxically is complaining of an impending shortage of gold, and at the same time doing its best to replace silver with gold as a standard of value in those countries which for centuries have linked their welfare to the white metal. As a result, gold is now asked to carry part of the burden formerly borne by silver. This is finding it increasingly difficult to do.

China Bulging With Silver.

No surprise has been caused by the statement of Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nanking Minister of Finance, that the move to make a huge silver loan to China derives no support from China itself. The campaign has never been taken seriously either by the silver brokers or in quarters close to Chinese affairs. China is chockful of silver, and this year actually talked of attaching a duty to silver imports, while Mr. Soong's financial policy is aimed at the adjustment of existing debts before contracting new obligations.

It is not along this path that authorities in the silver world see the solution of the troubles that have overcome silver. They do see a benefit to silver in the cessation of civil war in China. That country is probably the largest single factor in silver consumption. When China has been pacified, resumption of trade will bring more silver into use for trade purposes, and the huge stocks in Shanghai and Hongkong may be expected once again to flow back to the interior, where much of the business is done on a hard money, not a banking, basis.

Occident's Responsibility.

At the same time, according to New York opinion, the solution of the silver problem requires the co-operation of the Occident far more than the Orient. For it is held, the Occident is responsible for the loss of confidence in silver.

The responsibility of the Occident is traced back to 1920, when Great Britain, in the interests of economy, reduced the silver content of its subsidiary coinage. Naturally this had the result of throwing vast quantities of silver on the market. Other countries followed suit, and France actually withdrew its coins from circulation. From 1923 to 1924 there was a drop in total silver consumed in coinage from 232,000,000 ounces to 136,000,000 ounces.

Ball Is Set Rolling.

Meantime a movement developed rapidly to get the world back on the gold standard after the war-time orgy of inflationary finance. It received its impetus from the Genoa conference of 1922. In the following year, Austria restored its currency, but it was not until 1926, when Great Britain and the Dominions reestablished the gold standard, that genuine progress came. By 1928, 80 per cent. of the world's population were handling money linked to gold. This means that the purchasing power of all currencies of the gold-standard world is determined within a small margin by what gold itself will buy.

Concurrent with this movement occurred another of far more interest to the inquirer after the reasons for the decline in silver

FILM CENSORSHIP.

"GROWING UNEASINESS IN
THE PUBLIC MIND."

Mr. Glassey (L. Dorset E.) recently asked the Home Secretary if he was prepared to inquire into the question of film censorship.

Mr. Clynes—I have given careful consideration to this matter. It is not always recognised that a power of censoring films is vested in the Local Authorities. The Local Authorities rely for the most part on the systematic examination of all films by the Board of Film Censors; but their power of censorship remains in reserve.

I am well aware that there are signs of growing uneasiness in the public mind as to the tone of many films now exhibited, and I welcome this evidence of public concern, because I believe that the pressure of public opinion can alone bring about an improvement.

There is, however, I think, some confusion of thought in the idea that a change of the system of censorship would provide a remedy. I doubt if an inquiry by a Commission representative of different interests and points of view would be of much assistance. I have no reason to believe that any alternative system so far proposed would produce better results or command general support, or that the standard of censorship, in this country is not at least as high as that in any other.

The public exhibition of certain films would give rise to difficulty under any form of censorship, and it is doubtful whether any better system could be devised than one which leaves the Local Authority free to allow or to prohibit the exhibition of such films in their own area according to the circumstances.

While I am not prepared to appoint a Committee of Inquiry I am considering whether any steps can be taken to secure a more continuous contact between the Board and representative local opinion.

prices. The goldstandard world, at least Great Britain and France, tried to spread that system, or one similar to it called the gold exchange standard, to those countries which had hitherto relied upon a silver standard. These countries are all located in Asia, many of them under Occidental control. Their currency and other needs absorb 80 per cent. of world silver output.

Asia Desertions.

In view of the control exercised, the campaign attained a large measure of success. India, followed by lesser areas such as Persia and French Indo-China, decided to desert the silver standard. The Dutch East Indies and other Asiatic territories adopted nickel in place of silver for fractional monetary units.

In all Asia, China is the only nation left which uses silver as its standard or value, which position has been thrown on it the main burden of supporting silver. The metal has been dumped on China by all the countries which have deserted silver currencies. So much has been received in Hongkong within the last 12 months that at one time paper money actually commanded a premium over the metal. Silver lay in the vaults, a drug on the market.

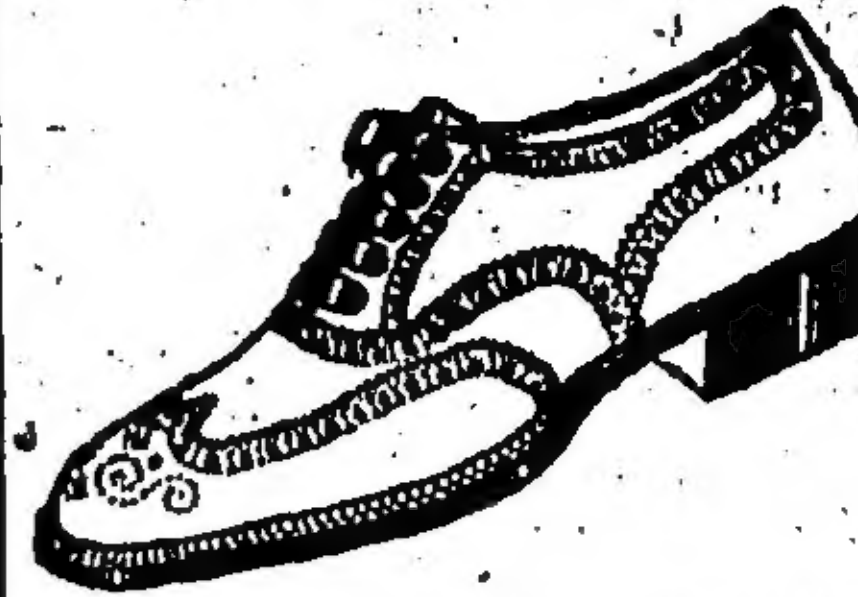
The Effect.

The effect of low silver prices is widely ramified. First of all, of course, it hurts the producers of silver, who are mainly situated in North America. Silver is now being mined, it is stated, at unremunerative returns, but regardless of price, production is maintained, as the white metal is nowadays mainly a by-product of such base metals as copper. A similar range of price over the last four years for any other commodity would have been reflected in a decline in production. That would have been the corrective.

But silver production figures have advanced steadily from 173,000,000 fine ounces in 1920, when the price was 100 cents, to 254,000,000 last year, when the price was much less than half of the 1920 price. Therefore, the only hope for any curtailment of silver output lies in the prospect, which has now been realized, of restriction in the mining of other metals. These have also reached a stage of what is loosely called overproduction. It may be expected that this year will consequently show a drop in output of the white metal.

Figures show that silver is essentially an affair among the Pacific nations. The American side of the Pacific Ocean furnishes about the same percentage of world production which the nations on the Pacific side consume, namely, 80 per cent.

In spite of this, however, the price is fixed in London, and with France, Great Britain has been responsible for the falling off in silver prices.

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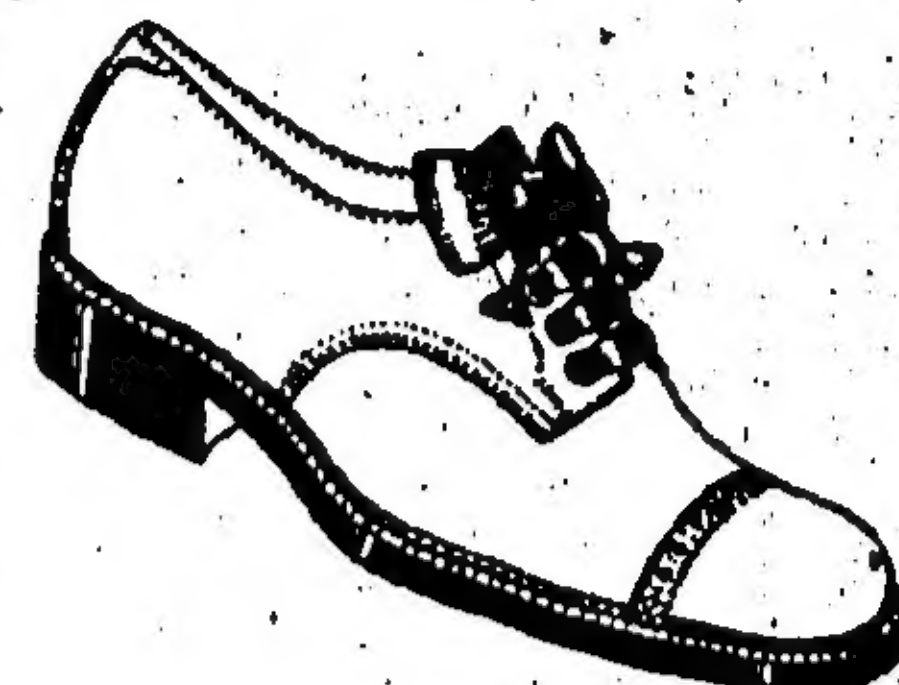
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LOCAL FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

ARMY IN THE LAI WAH CUP SEMI-FINAL.

KOWLOON V. CLUB.

A counter-attraction to the Lai Wah Cup match on the programme for to-morrow is provided by the first clash of the season between the Kowloon F.C. and the Hongkong F.C. on the Kowloon ground, postponed a fortnight ago.

The fixture list is appended:

Lai Wah Cup Semi-Final.

Chinese v. Army.—Club ground, 4 p.m.

Senior League.

Kowloon v. Hongkong F.C.—Kowloon, 4 p.m.

St. Joseph's v. Police.—St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.

Second Division.

St. Joseph's v. Kowloon. St. Joseph's, 2.30.

Argylls v. Rovers.—Chatham Rd., 4 p.m.

South China v. Navy. Caroline Hill, 2.30.

Club v. Eastern.—Navy, 2.30.

Chinese v. Borderers.—Stadium, 2.30.

R.A. v. University.—Sookunpon, 2.30.

Third Division.

R.E. v. Fow.—Chatham Road, 2.30.

South China v. Borderers.—Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

R.A.S.C. v. Fokien.—Chinese, 2.30.

Chinese v. R.A.O.C.—Chinese, 4 p.m.

The Army and the Chinese should provide an extremely fast and interesting game on the Club ground. The excellent form exhibited by the Servicemen on New Year's Day would seem to indicate that they have an excellent chance of obtaining a victory. Neither team has been published.

A large crowd is expected on the Kowloon ground, where their

traditional rivals, the Club, provide the opposition. Form would suggest a win for the home side. The Police should manage a victory against St. Joseph's.

Probable Teams.

Club:—Rodger, Strange, Bishop, McBride, Stewart, Duncan, Duncann, Watson, Segalen, Gray and Wallington.

Kowloon:—Angus, Martin, Pile, Hedley, Biles, Dowman, McKelvie, Moss, Simpson, Cotton, Grimwood, Lunson and Gillot.

Police:—Clarke, Perkins, Brittain, Thorpe, Oram, Shepherd, Gowans, Pile, Fraser, Cornwall, and Brown.

Kowloon 2nd:—Angus, Guest, Eastman, Everest, Gilchrist, Smith, W. H. Brown, Whitling, Spary, W. Brown, and Bickford. Reserves: Kerr, Davies, White.

Club 2nd:—Fogwell, Stoker, Potouloff, Sloan, Punchedon, Hynes, Smith, Bell, Strange, Jackson and Tavlin.

CRICKET.

The following have been selected to represent the University 2nd XI in a friendly cricket match against Queen's College on Saturday, 10th inst., at 2 p.m., sharp, on the Home Ground:—K. T. Luke (Capt.), A. A. Aziz, G. E. Yeoh, P. I. Tan, P. M. N. da Silva, R. Leung, H. Nomanbhoy, W. James, E. Gosano, F. Zimmermann, M. Yalabhoy, Res.—W. K. Chon.

The following have been selected to represent the University Past and Present against the Combined League in a whole day friendly cricket match on Sunday, 11th inst. on the Home Ground at 11 a.m.:—J. N. Anderson (Capt.), L. T. Hild, S. V. Gittins, F. Zimmermann, E. Zimmermann, J. L. Youngs, D. K. Samy, A. T. Lee, A. B. Suleman, A. M. Rodrigues, A. Baker.

A NEW RIFLE CLUB.

CIVILIAN ORGANISATION TO BE ESTABLISHED.

As will be seen by an advertisement appearing on another page, a meeting is being called of all those interested in rifle shooting, in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., at 5.30 p.m. on January 16th.

We learn that this meeting is being called for the purpose of constituting a Rifle Club, under the auspices of which the Rifle League would be shot off yearly. It will be remembered that the Rifle League fell into inactivity for a few years and that last year it was revived, the League and the Interport Shoot being successfully organised. The League, by the very nature of its constitution, can only enjoy a membership of the various Clubs contesting, but now it is hoped to form a Club which can be joined by all civilians interested. The Government has, we are informed, adopted a very favourable attitude towards the project, and has granted the site necessary for a new range, the lack of which has hitherto been the greatest stumbling block to rifle shooting in the Colony. This new range will be situated at the north end of Kowloon Tong, in the valley above the south face of the railway tunnel. It will be readily accessible, being but a few minutes walk from the Kowloon bus terminus.

It is probable that a revolver shooting section and a miniature range will be provided, whilst the question of a Ladies' Section has also been discussed. Years ago, ladies used to shoot in Hongkong, and it is hoped to revive the pastime. A clay pigeon shooting section may possibly also be formed.

It is the hope of the organisers that there will be a big attendance at the meeting, especially in view of the Government's ready co-operation.

LIBEL CASE JUDGMENT

BROTHERS' ACTION AGAINST NEWSPAPER.

Judgment was given by Mr. Justice Finlay at Bristol Assizes the case in which three Bristol brothers named Robbins brought an action for libel against Western Newspapers, Ltd.

The case arose out of the death of an elderly woman and the subsequent death of her son. They were buried together, and next day in the *Evening World*, Bristol, there appeared a report headed "Mother buried with her son. Life in poverty at Westbury."

It was contended for the plaintiffs that the suggestion that the woman lived in poverty was un-

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.20 A. B. Stewart & J. H. Raikes.
9.24 O. Eager & W. J. Clerk.
9.28 H. C. Shrubsole & A. O. Brown.
9.32 E. Taylor & H. A. Mills.
9.36 A. C. Meredith & A. F. Judd.
9.40 D. B. Tedre & G. A. Leiper.
9.44 E. dea Voeux & N. K. Little.

9.48 L. G. S. Dodwell & H. U. Ireland.
9.52 C. E. Holmes & T. Lew.
9.56 P. Morrison & H. G. Mills.
10.00 D. J. Gilmore & T. S. Whyte-Smith.

10.04 A. H. Penn & V. R. Cordon.
10.08 D. Lyon & G. B. Dunnett.
10.12 R. K. Hepburn & D. Forbes.
10.16 R. K. Valentine & H. Spicer.
10.20 A. C. I. Bowker & J. D. H. Crawford.

10.24 R. H. Wild & J. R. Collis.
10.28 A. E. Stum & W. N. Buyers.
10.32 A. N. Macfadyen & Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

10.36 A. D. Humphreys & J. Hinton.
10.40 J. P. Warren & G. Mitchell.
10.44 A. H. Ferguson & L. R. Anderson.

10.48 W. C. Shields & W. R. Vallance.
10.52 Comdr. Priestley & J. J. French.
10.56 J. MacKnight & E. D. Matthews.
11.00 F. M. Ellis & S. S. Porry.

11.04 D. S. Robb & A. Leach.
11.08 E. P. Fletcher & A. W. Hodges.
11.12 E. Stone & J. Coulthart.
11.16 L. Yates & H. A. Lammert.

11.20 B. Smith & J. S. Dykes.
11.24 J. Stuart & A. Ritchie.
11.28 L. C. Grover & K. K. Rounds.
11.32 D. J. Keogh & E. M. Hanlon.

11.36 R. Campbell & T. J. Price.
11.40 W. A. Smalley & H. Hampton.
11.44 A. G. Coppin & S. H. Langston.
11.48 C. J. Waddell & J. Forbes.

11.52 R. M. Henderson & A. B. Purves.
11.56 Dr. Nicholson & W. N. Fleming.
12.00 G. T. May & C. M. Roberts.
12.04 G. H. M. Andrews & A. J. R. Wolff.

12.08 C. E. Moore & R. S. W. Paterson.
12.12 P. S. Grant & T. S. Marshall.
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12.20 Capt. Williams & C. W. Jeffries.

12.24 J. P. Sherry & W. A. Weight.

True. They wanted to vindicate their characters from the charge implied in the alleged libel of a lack of filial devotion.

The jury found in favour of the plaintiffs, and assessed damages at £500. Legal arguments were then heard by the Judge as to whether the articles was capable of defamatory meaning in law.

Mr. Justice Finlay entered judgment for £166 13s. 4d. for each plaintiff, with costs.

A star of execution was granted.

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

MOETH HOLDS TARANTULA TO A DRAW.

Shameen, Jan. 8.

A very fast and interesting game was played here yesterday when H.M.S. Tarantula met H.M.S. Moeth in a League match.

From the kick-off, Tulas were early invading the Moeth goal and from a mace in front of goal Mannering netted before five minutes had elapsed. The game continued to be fast, with both sides making raids, and some very good football was witnessed, the Moeth forwards being especially good in combining movements.

With the Tula goalie out of position, Denstone shot for goal from just outside the goal area, when the Tula's right back handled in trying to save. From the ensuing penalty, Dewey scored with a shot that gave Bagshaw no chance.

Shortly afterwards, Byles scored again for the Moeth with a cross-shot from the left wing, the ball entering the goal high up in the right hand corner.

Half-time:—Moeth, 2 goals; Tarantula, 1 goal.

After the resumption, Tulas were pressing hard for the equaliser and from a corner their efforts were rewarded. The remainder of the game was fairly even, both sides struggling hard

CRICKET.

LOCAL TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The following will represent the Indian R.C. in a league match against the Kowloon C.C. on Saturday, on the latter's ground:

A. H. Rumjahn (Capt.), A. H. Madar, A. el Arculli, A. A. Rumjahn, F. D. Pereira, S. A. Ismail, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, O. Ismail, J. S. A. Curraem, F. M. Arculli.

Volunteer Team.

The following will represent the Volunteers against the Civil Service Cricket Club at 11 a.m. sharp, on Sunday:—E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Capt. W. H. G. Gaster, R. R. Davies, A. C. Beck, N. A. E. Mackay, A. Reid, F. S. W. Smith, R. H. D. Wade, J. P. Whitlam, G. C. Burnett, H. S. Clippingdale.

for victory, the Moeth if anything having the better of the exchanges in the latter part of the game. The following teams were lined up under S.B.A. Cardy.

Tarantula:—Bagshaw, Perkins, Leeds, Evans, Webb, Talbot, Lieut. Cobb, Cannon, Mannering, Allen, Tubb.

Moeth:—Avery, Dewey, Purdy, Swainson, Nunn, Shawer, Byles, Lieut. Short, Beckett, Denstone, Hodgkinson.—Our Own Correspondent.

BABY HANDED OVER IN COURT.

MOTHER ABSENT.

London, Dec. 4.

Joan Margaret Carroll, the 20-months old baby who has been the subject of a lengthy dispute, was brought to the Law Courts yesterday for delivery to its mother, Ellen Carroll, in compliance with the order of the Appeal Court on Tuesday.

The mother, a Roman Catholic, won her appeal in her suit against the Homeless Children's Aid and Adoption Society and F. B. Meyer Children's Home (Incorporated), a Protestant society to whom she had confided the child. The society had been in communication with a Protestant couple, who were ready to adopt the child.

The baby was accompanied by a matron and nurse, and was handed over to a solicitor, as the child's mother was not present.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. TEAM AGAINST H.M.S. SOMME.

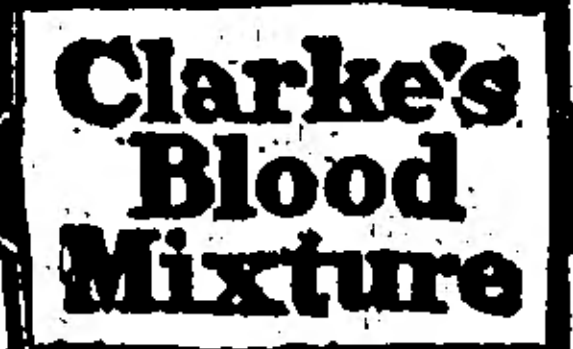
The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. seconds in a hockey match against H.M.S. Somme at King's Park on Saturday, commencing at 3.30 p.m.:—W. J. Colclough, J. M. Purvis, L. Tippet, R. A. Bates, Allen, R. Dorman, H. Muller, L. Macey, W. H. Smith, F. Parker and W. J. Brown.

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Captain J. S. Anderson, from reserve, has gone master, Ichang. Captain R. F. Stichel, of the Ichang, is on reserve.

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Captain J. G. Smart, of the Wantung, has gone master, Kiating. Captain R. Allinson, of the Kiating, has gone master, Wantung.

Captain P. J. Miley, from reserve, has gone master, Chekiang.

Mr. E. Wood, extra chief officer, Wantung, has gone chief officer, Newchwang. Mr. H. R. Kerner, chief officer, Newchwang, has gone extra chief officer, Wantung.

Mr. P. McAlister, chief officer, Chungking, has gone chief officer, Changsha. Mr. F. J. Griffith, chief officer, Changsha, has gone chief officer, Chungking.

Mr. A. J. Kinnane, chief officer, Ichang, has gone chief officer, Wanhsien. Mr. E. R. Graham, chief officer, Wanhsien, has gone chief officer, Ichang.

Mr. D. Brutsche, chief officer, Kiating, has gone chief officer, Nanking. Mr. P. Jenkins, chief officer, Nanking, has gone chief officer, Hangyang. Mr. D. C. Sim, chief officer, Hangyang, has gone chief officer, Nanking.

Mr. J. R. Liley, chief officer, Shengkang, has gone chief officer, Shengkang. Mr. J. W. Bennett, chief officer, Shengkang, has gone chief officer, Shengkang.

Mr. F. H. Smith has been appointed extra second officer, Taitung.

Mr. W. E. Hargrave has been appointed extra second officer, Taitung.

Mr. B. L. Butcher, second officer, Shengkang, has gone second officer, Ichang. Mr. E. R. Hardman, second officer, Ichang, has gone second officer, Shengkang.

Mr. J. E. Storey, second officer, Wanhsien, has gone second officer, Shengkang. Mr. W. J. Jones, second officer, Shengkang, is on reserve.

Mr. J. A. Johnson, second officer, Chungking, has gone extra second officer, Shengkang. Mr. E. M. Hendler, extra second officer, Shengkang, has gone second officer, Chungking.

Mr. A. M. Buchanan, second officer, Hui-chow, is on reserve. Mr. C. Johnson, from reserve, has gone second officer, Hui-chow.

Mr. G. Chubb, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Paowu. Mr. B. J. Walsh, from reserve, has gone extra second officer, Paowu.

Mr. W. S. McArthur, from reserve, has gone extra second officer, Paowu.

Mr. P. Stoddart, from reserve, has gone second officer, Hui-chow. Mr. L. G. Mory, second officer, Hui-chow, has gone second officer, Paowu.

Mr. G. E. F. Beck, second officer, Paowu, has gone acting chief officer, Kwanhsien.

Mr. D. S. McKenry, extra second officer, Kwanhsien, has gone second officer, Paowu. Mr. E. V. de Mals, second officer, Kwanhsien, is on reserve.

Mr. D. J. Dixon, extra second officer, Kwanhsien, has gone extra second officer, Paowu. Mr. E. V. de Mals, second officer, Kwanhsien, is on reserve.

Mr. G. Stewart, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Nanning. Mr. E. Appleton, acting chief engineer officer, Nanning, is on reserve.

Mr. J. H. Cameron, chief engineer officer, Wanhsien, has gone chief engineer officer, Linan. Mr. I. Callender, chief engineer officer, Linan, is on reserve.

Mr. J. McGilveray, from reserve, has gone chief engineer officer, Suifu.

Mr. W. M. Stewart, chief engineer officer, Wanhsien, is on reserve.

Mr. W. W. Chapman, second engineer officer, Nanking, has gone second engineer officer, Chekiang.

Mr. W. J. Sprinall, from Home leave, has gone second engineer officer, Wanhsien.

Mr. H. L. Mather, second engineer officer, Suining, has gone second engineer officer, Newchwang. Mr. W. E. Tonkin, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, Suining.

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CANTON CAMPAIGN AGAINST REDS.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR THE NORTHERN BORDER.

Canton, Jan. 8.

Vice-Admiral Chan Yung-fan is coming down to Canton with the cruisers Hal-chuo and Tung-chi. Cable advice has just been received by the Army Headquarters here to the effect that the two northern cruisers are expected in Swatow today and in Hongkong on Sunday. It is understood that the northern Vice-Admiral will come to Canton to meet the military and naval authorities here and then will lead the cruisers to Kiangchow to help in the anti-Red campaign there.

In view of the importance of the military situation on the northern border of the province, which is threatened by the Reds from Hunan and Kiangsi, more reinforcements are rushing to Shikwan. The regiments under Colonels Wu Kim-hung and Tam Loung-sing have just left Canton by the Yueh-han railway. General Wang Yin-ching, commander of the 125th Brigade, is also leaving for the northern border, to direct military operations there. A Correspondent.

Drive on Reds.

Canton, Jan. 8.

Despite their repeated defeats, the Communist bandits are reported still to number over 100,000, wandering in different parts of Kiangsi. They have tried every means to avoid direct encounter with the large contingent of Nationalist troops, who are now adopting the plan to surround the outlaws, with the object of completely exterminating them. In addition to ten National divisions now participating in the anti-Red campaign, several more divisions will be dispatched to Kiangsi, so as to effect an early elimination of the outlaws.

The Government troops are advancing in different directions towards Ningtao, east of Kiangsi, which the Communists under Chu Teh, Pang Teh-hai, Mao Tsak-tung and Wang Kang-tieh are concentrating. Ningtao is therefore the immediate objective of the Nationalists.

Cantonese Aid.

While marching from Chingchow to Ningtao, the Kiangsi troops under Chang Fei-chung came in contact with the Reds, and suffered a slight loss due to geographical conditions, but were subsequently reinforced by the 61st Cantonese division, who arrived in time from Taiwan to defeat the bandits. During the severe engagement between the Kiangsi troops and the bandits, the Cantonese surprised the latter by a flanking movement, thus compelling them to yield ground and retreat back to Ningtao.

Goods Accumulate.

In view of Nanchow, Taiyu and Sunfong beyond Kanchow being still held by the Reds, the Kwan-sung goods intended for Kiangsi have been accumulating in Nanchow. In order to restore communications between Kwan-sung and Kiangsi by the overland route, and to join forces with the 8th Route Army now stationed along the Kwan-sung border, the Cantonese troops in Kanchow are planning first to remove this obstruction by checking all bandits on this line, before they start a campaign on a large scale against the Communists in Ningtao.

The forces under Mao Kim-hung and Tam Loung-sing will shortly adopt the offensive against the bandits, when they are informed of the movements of the 19th Route Army southwards. The 125th brigade under Wang Yin-ching left Shikwan and Kotang for Shaokuan on the 6th, from where they will move to the Kiangsi border to assist in the suppression of the bandits. Canton News Agency.

HELENA MAY CONCERT

FINE PROGRAMME OF VOCAL ITEMS PRESENTED.

Yesterday afternoon's concert at the Helena May institute had been arranged by Mrs. R. Sanger, who in addition contributed a bracket of vocal numbers herself, which added very much to the programme. Although, with one exception, the artists were vocalists, Mrs. Sanger presented them in such a manner as to give the afternoon a surprising touch of variety.

The South Wales Borderers have brought with them to Hongkong at least eight fine voices, and in its first appearance here, the octette made a good impression. More should be heard from this very pleasing combination. Among the numbers they offered were Welsh carols and sea shanties.

The so-called "Banks of Allan Water" and "Cherry Ripe" were sympathetically rendered by Mrs. Bowes-Smith, who seems to be

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Under-Signed on or before the 27th January 1931, or they will not be recognized.

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at home with these simple ballads. In her second appearance on the platform, Mrs. Bowes-Smith gave a brace of Dvorak Gypsy airs, "Songs my Mother Taught Me," and "Cloudy heights of Turin."

Mr. G. d'Aquino's robust tenor was given full play in the well-known "A Granda" of Alvarez and "Princesa" by Padilla, which he sang in Spanish. He made equally as good a handling of the popular "Mighty Ink" a Rose of Nevada and Tosti's "Matinata," in English. As encores he gave "A la orilla del Pulmar" and "I know a lovely garden."

Mrs. Sanger contributed a trio of Brass numbers, "The Disappointed Serenader," "Gypsy Song," and "The Dustman," which she has been heard in before, and which suited her light soprano admirably.

A bright interlude was provided by Lance Corporal Richardson and his xylophone.

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SHENSI POPULACE IS IN URGENT NEED.

Nanking, Jan. 8. What promises to afford relief to millions of famine destitutes in north-western China is a recommendation by Mr. Yu Yu-jen, elderly Kuomintang leader and special Nanking envoy to Shensi, studying famine conditions, for the formation of a North-western China Famine Mission under the supervision and direction of the Central Government, with a capital of \$50,000,000, the whole of the money to be devoted to the development of mining and industrial enterprises in Shensi and to the assistance of needy farmers to effect rehabilitation in the famine areas.

The recommendation says that thousands of famine destitutes could work under the direction of this big plan. Mr. Yu is returning shortly from Shensi. His recommendation is being considered by the Nanking Ministry of Industry, under Mr. H. H. Kung.

HOMELAND WEATHER.

SOMEWHAT LESS FOG IN SOME PLACES.

London, Jan. 8. Although bright sunshine, was experienced along most of the south-west coast, fog and frost continue in most other parts of the country.

The fog lifted somewhat last night on the Mersey, and part of the shipping at the mouth of the river, held up since Sunday, was able to move.

The London traffic service was normal to-day, although a pall hangs over the capital.—*British Wireless.*

TIN RESTRICTION.

SELANGOR CHINESE MINERS IN AGREEMENT.

Singapore, Jan. 8. A meeting of Chinese miners of Selangor has unanimously decided to support the quota scheme for restriction of tin output.—*Reuter.*

JURY UNANIMOUS IN ARSON TRIAL.

TWO MEN CONVICTED AND THIRD DISCHARGED.

Unanimous in their verdict, the jury at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, found the first two prisoners accused of arson, conspiracy, guilty on this charge, and third defendant, not guilty on three counts; he was accordingly discharged. His Lordship Mr. Justice Wood said he entirely agreed with the verdict, and sentenced the first accused to three years' hard labour, and the second to two years. He also exempted the jury from further duty for two years.

The jury were absent fifty minutes before arriving at their conclusions, the Court adjourning for their considerations after His Lordship had summed-up for over 2½ hours.

The concluding stages of the trial were entered upon in the morning when Mr. Justice Wood summed-up, first dealing with the matter as it related to the two prisoners defended by Mr. F. C. Jenkin.

Dealing with the case against the second prisoner, His Lordship said it was very slight. He suggested that the evidence of the landlord of No. 77 Wing Lok Street was of no value, and the principal plank of the Crown case fell if the jury accepted the statement of the second accused that he did not take his evening meal at 77 Wing Lok Street. Even, however, if they did not accept it, it could only be regarded as false evidence, and did not prove the Crown case.

The third prisoner had also given evidence, and he suggested to them that their verdict regarding the second man depended almost solely on the acceptance or disregard of the third accused's evidence. If they accepted his story, then he thought it was conclusive that the first two men must stand convicted on the charges.

Judge's Comments.

After the jury had made known their verdict, His Lordship discharged the third prisoner and addressed the other two men as follows:—The jury have brought in a unanimous verdict; they find there has been a conspiracy to set fire to 77 Wing Lok Street, the conspiracy being with the object of defrauding the Insurance Company. They have found you both parties to this conspiracy; they have found that whoever else was party to the conspiracy, you two persons were concerned. Personally, I think your verdict is right. I think you have been guilty of a crime of a most serious character, involving the possible damage to property and possible loss of life. You have been convicted of attempting to set fire to the building, not to setting fire to the goods. You have been convicted of taking part in a conspiracy which led up to the fire in the building. The sentence of the Court is that the first prisoner be imprisoned for three years with hard labour, and the second prisoner for two years with hard labour.

Addressing the jury, His Lordship thanked them for the careful manner in which they had attended to the long proceedings and exempted them from further duty for a period of two years.

LOCAL RADIO.

A EUROPEAN STUDIO CONCERT.

To-day's radio Programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres.

5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme. 7.00-7.35 p.m. Two Movements in Symphonic Form (A completion of Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" by Frank Merrick) 1. Scherzo 2. Allegro—(Schubert)

Centenary Columbia International composers Contest—English Prize Contest—Work). 9.50.

Octet—Memories of Chopin (arr. Willoughby). J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 123. Orchestral—Crown Diamonds—Overture—Auber.

Bournemouth Municipal Orch. 77. 7.55-8.00 p.m. Operatic. Madame Butterfly—Selections (Buccini arr. Tavan).

New Queen's Hall Light Orch. 9300. Cavalleria Rusticana—Easter Hymn (Weatherly and Maccaugn).

The British National Opera Company. 3130. Rigoletto—Paraphrase (Verdi, arr. Lizi).

Irene Scharrer (Pianist). 70. 8.00-8.20 p.m. Variety. Organ Solo—Mozart's My Dreams To-night (Nicholls).

Quentin Maclean. 310. Vocal Duet—Underneath The Russian Moon. Layton and Johnstone. 5670. Vocal Quartette—Here We Are.

Song—May Be Crazy. K. Keen. 220. 8.20-8.40 p.m. Musical Comedy. Nippy—Selections. Delroy Somers Band. 167.

The Malt of The Mountains—Vocal Glee. Columbian Light Opera Co. 81. 8.40-8.54 p.m. Octets. The Piccininnini's Picnic (Squire).

The Piccininnini's Picnic (Squire). J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 2. Toreador Et Andalouse (Rushmore arr. Sear).

Romance—(Rushmore arr. Sear). J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. 5218. 8.54-9.00 p.m. Two Selections by H. M. Grenadier Guards. Solphigor (Brepant).

Marche Lorraine. Conducted by Capt. Geo. Miller. 5473. 9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc. 9.05-10.00 p.m. Concert from the Studio.

1. The Hilo Harmony Boys. a. "Drowsy Waters." b. "Breeze." 2. Mrs. D. Bielby (Soprano).

a. "My Hero" (From the Chocolate Soldier) by Strauss. b. Song—Selected (accompanied by Mrs. G. Mitchell).

3. Mr. Bewick (Tenor-Baritone). a. "The Laughing Policeman." b. "Paddy McGinty's" (accompanied by Mrs. G. Mitchell).

4. Mrs. M. Portallion (Contralto). a. "Until" (Sanderson). b. "Marie My Girl" (Altkin).

(Accompanied by Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs). 5. Mrs. D. Bielby (Soprano). a. "Doll's Song" (From Tales of Hoffmann) by Offenbach.

a. "The Song That Reached The Heart" by J. Jordan. (Accompanied by Mrs. G. W. R. Mitchell).

6. Mrs. E. Portallion (Contralto). a. "I knew of Two Bright Eyes" (Clutenn). b. "My Ain Folk" (Leman).

(Accompanied by Mrs. G. W. R. Griggs). 7. The Hilo Harmony Boys. a. "Across The Sea." b. "Sleeping Along."

10-10.30 p.m. Experimental Relay Period. God Save The King. 10.30 p.m. Close Down.

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The similarity between two trade marks, one of the Sitting Buddha and the other of the Goddess of Mercy, in a similar posture though the latter usually represented standing, led to a Chinese, Tang Kwai-sang, being charged, before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, with having applied a trade mark very similar to a registered trade mark to his goods.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, appearing for the complainant, Kong Heung-po, said that his client was the attorney for Wai Shui-pak, who was the sole proprietor of the Yee Tin Tong dispensary. Wai, as proprietor, was the registered owner of Trade mark 147 of 1928 and 250 of 1930 in Class 3, in respect of medical and chemical substances. For years he had been doing business in Saigon and had an extensive trade in that part of the country. Last year he came to Hongkong with the object of opening branches in Hongkong and Canton. He appointed agents in all the principal towns and advertised his medicines extensively in Chinese newspapers and on tramcars. He spent a good deal of money in getting the public to know and buy his products. His trade mark bore the figure of the Sitting Buddha and was assigned to him by its former owner for a certain remuneration.

The Discovery. At the beginning of December last, people came to the Yee Tin Tong dispensary and asked for the Yin Yang medical plaster. They were told that the firm were not the manufacturers and that they did not produce that kind of plaster. As the people continued to come, the firm became suspicious and made inquiries. In due course one of the folk discovered on the Yuenmui ferry a hawk selling this particular plaster. He bought a packet and was given a pamphlet purporting to be from the Yee Tin dispensary, which were incidentally the first two characters of the complainant's proper name. The pamphlet said that the plaster was manufactured at 138, Wooming Street. Inquiries were made at this address, but it was found to be a false one. Subsequently another folk purchased a further sample of the medical plaster and was taken by the hawk to the Mee Heung tea shop in Reclamation Street, where he was given a copy of the pamphlet and also a plaster. He was also told that the plaster was manufactured by Tang Kwai-sang. As a result proceedings were taken against the defendant. The police raided the premises and discovered a number of plasters and pamphlets. It was not known whether the defendant was actually responsible for having applied the trade mark to the plasters, but he was held responsible for having been in charge of the premises. The original trade mark bore a figure of the Sitting Buddha while the false one bore a figure of the Goddess of Mercy in a sitting posture very similar to the Buddha. The Goddess was usually represented standing.

The complainant gave evidence hearing of Mr. Rendall's remarks. He said his firm sold plasters in Saigon, but not in Hongkong.

At this stage Mr. Butters adjourned further hearing of the case for January 15.

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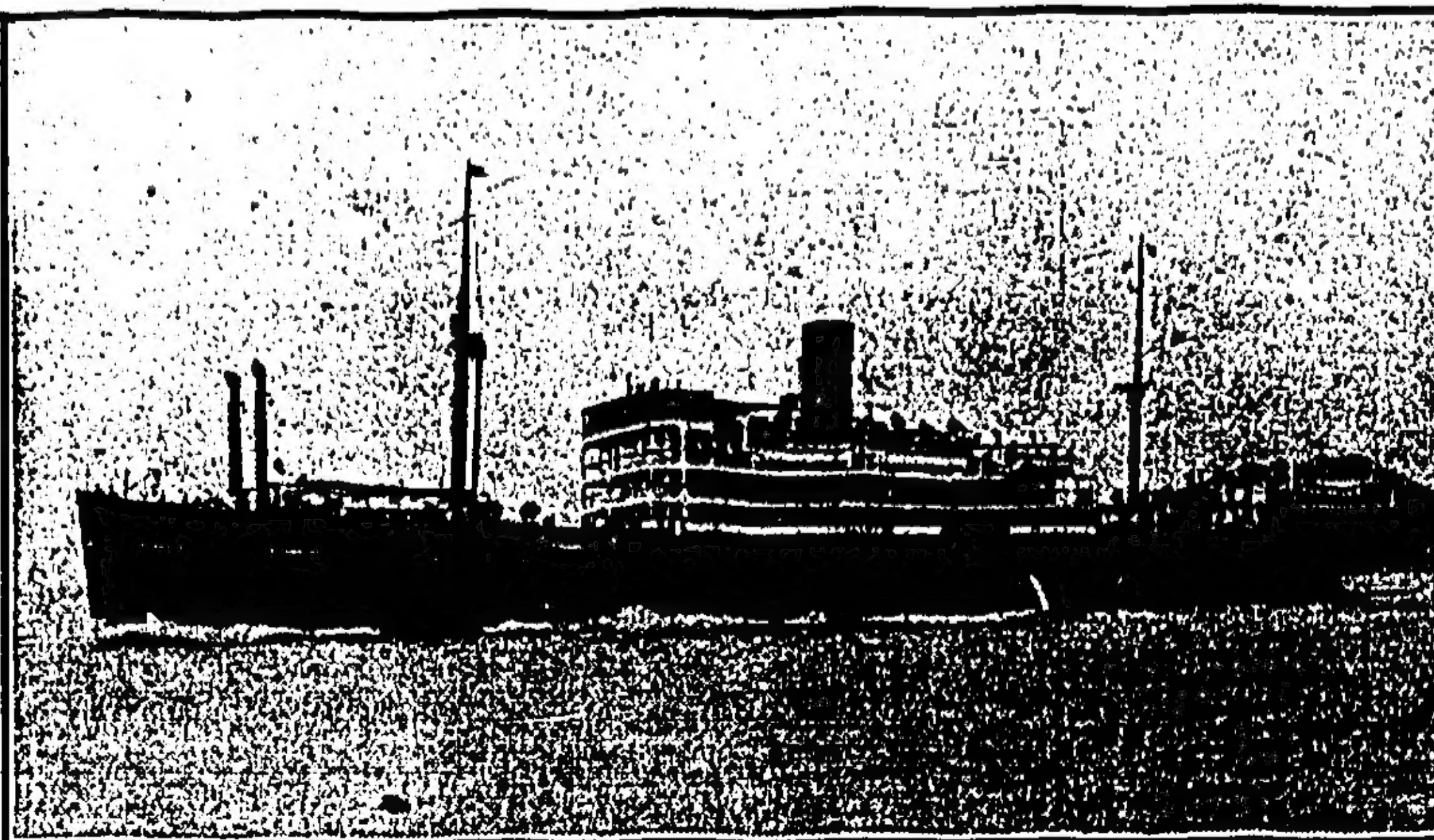
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RICH WOMEN SHOULD CLEAN OWN HOUSES.

The question of women who refuse domestic service being refused unemployment benefit was raised recently in the House of Commons. Pointing out that the hours and conditions are quite different from those of industrial work, Mr. Kirkwood (Lab., Dumbarton) asked the Minister of Labour if she would discontinue the policy of refusing unemployment benefit to women who had been insured in industrial occupations and were unwilling to engage in domestic service. Miss Bondfield replied that the matter was not within her discretion. No decision to disallow bene-

fit is given except by the court of referees or the umpire. Mr. Kirkwood: Is it not a fact that when girls have been brought up in industrial centres and have never been in domestic service they are cut off from unemployment benefit when they do not accept domestic service?

Miss Bondfield: No, sir, that is not a fact. It depends upon the circumstances of each case. Lady Astor (C., Sutton, Plymouth): Would it not make it easier for these girls if some of the people in the country did not go about saying domestic service is—(Labour cries of "Order, order," which prevented the sentence being concluded.)

Mr. Kirkwood: Can ye no tell the rich women to clean their own houses, and no has the ladies of the working classes to do it? (Laughter.)

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SAMPAN MURDER OUTRAGE.

BODY OF A GIRL NOW DISCOVERED.

SECOND VICTIM.

The suspicion that wholesale murder was committed on board a sampan, which the police recently found abandoned, have had further confirmation by the discovery of another of the missing persons, the body of a girl being recovered from the harbour off the naval camp, on the Hongkong side.

The first signs of what has apparently been a wholesale murder were discovered by the police when they found a sampan, which had been abandoned, floating into the dock near the water works at Lai-chikok on Sunday evening. All valuables and even the clothing had been removed, leading the police to suspect foul play, especially when it was seen that there were bloodstains on the deck.

Later, the body of a Chinese woman was found floating in the water in the vicinity and it was found that she was one of the missing occupants of the abandoned sampan. She had a rope twisted round her neck and her hands were bound behind her back.

The small girl whose body has now been recovered was Lo Tai-ngan, the daughter-in-law of the old woman.

LADIES' NIGHT AT Y.M.C.A.

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The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. and Mrs. Shenton were responsible for the arranging of the excellent musical programme for the Ladies' Night function at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, held last night, a large assembly enjoying to the full an entertainment of the highest standard.

Mr. Julius Levintoff played as pianoforte solos "Beweg", "Night-breeze" (Liszt) and "Bacchante" (Offenbach), with special arrangement of the latter by himself, and songs were sung by Mrs. A. M. Howes-Smith, Mrs. R. Sanger and Mr. A. E. Stone, all of whom were in fine voice. Mr. V. C. Labrum pleased with his rendition of the comedy-song "Why is the Bacon so Tough?" and one of the biggest successes of the evening was the Japanese Song Picture by Crista Womack, Violet King, Joan Bruce-Shepherd and Nina Valentine, who sang as duet, solo and trio respectively the ever-popular "Braid the Raven Hair", "With Downcast Eyes" and "Three Little Maidens." Mrs. A. R. H. Phillips was at the piano and played a sympathetic accompaniment.

In expressing its appreciation of the very fine programme presented by Mr. and Mrs. Shenton, the company generally agreed that the function had been one of the most successful yet held in connexion with the "Y.M." activities.

THREAT TO BOMB TOW-BOATS.

BANDITS INSIST ON DEMANDS.

Canton, Jan. 8. It is reported that the Shekki Chamber of Commerce has received a threatening letter from the Nam Pun Shun bandits, intimating that unless their demands addressed to the Hang On, Man Sang and Wing Tai-tow-boats are complied with, they will bomb the tows while on passage between Canton and Shekki.

The Chamber of Commerce has petitioned the Government for protection.—Our Own Correspondent.

BIG DRIVE AGAINST BANDITS.

A START TO BE MADE TO-MORROW.

Nanking, Jan. 8. The Government has appointed an Anti-Bandit Commission to effect rigid measures in suppressing bandits and Communists in Shantung, Anhui and Kiangsu, under the chairmanship of Mr. Chang Chi-kiang. The expedition will commence on Saturday. Mr. Chang has telegraphed to General Han Fu-chu, the Military Governor of Shantung, warning him of the presence of over 10,000 bandits on the Shantung frontier who at any moment may endanger the tranquillity of neighbouring Provinces.

POPE ON SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE.

CONDEMNS DIVORCE AND BIRTH CONTROL.

BRIDES MUST "OBEY."

Rome, Jan. 8. A Papal Encyclical sixteen thousand words in length was issued to-day, reminding the world of the sanctity of marriage.

Marriage is described as a "Divine institution, which has often been derided and despised by men, not only in the theatre, in the cinema, in books, in films and in wireless broadcasts, but in their own lives."

The Papal Letter inveighs against divorce, and strongly condemns companionate marriage.

NANKING CUSTOMS DECREE.

NO NATIVE DUTIES WITHIN FIFTY LI.

EXPORT DUTY REVISION.

Nanking, Jan. 8. The Finance Ministry announced this morning that imports under the new tariff schedule are not subject to native customs duties within a fifty li limit of the respective Customs Stations.

It is expected that within the fifty li area, the customs duties for native goods will be abolished as soon as the export tariff has been revised.—Reuter.

(an American institution), birth control and the practice of the sterilisation of the unfit.

It insists that the word "obey" shall be retained in the Marriage Service.

The Pope also condemns what is described as "exaggerated sex education" and recommends State aid for mothers, pointing out that beautiful assistance seems to be granted to unmarried mothers and their offspring, but little is done for legitimate children and their mothers.—Reuter.

NANKING OUTRAGE SETTLEMENT.

CHINA MAY PAY BIG SUM TO JAPAN.

Nanking, Jan. 8. After a series of conferences at Nanking and Shanghai, the Nanking Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. C. T. Wang, is understood to have reached an understanding with the Japanese Minister to China, now in Shanghai, concerning a settlement of the Nanking outrages.

The Nanking Government is said to have agreed to pay compensation of \$800,000.

The Japanese Minister will visit Nanking on Monday, when the final agreements will be exchanged.

AMY INVITED TO CHINA.

MADAME CHANG'S CORDIAL MESSAGE.

Peking, Jan. 8. Madame Chang Hsueh-liang has wired to Miss Amy Johnson hoping that she will come to China, saying that Manchuria will welcome her and give every assistance.—Reuter.

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RAILWAYS V. ROADS.

London, Jan. 8.

The final report of the Royal Commission on Transport anticipates that road competition will continue to affect the railways adversely and suggests that the companies push onward with electrification on the suburban lines, effect improvements in goods wagons, speed up the services reduced fares and study passengers convenience more.

The canal transport system should be developed on national lines. Tramways are obsolete and the cause of unnecessary congestion and danger. Trackless trolleys could be used in the transition to other forms of transport.

In connexion with the Road Fund and motor taxation, the Commission's recommendations favour increased contributions from the Road Fund for upkeep to relieve the burden on local rates, and higher taxation for the heavier types of commercial vehicles, which cause the greater part of highway wear and tear.

The prohibition of lorries over ten tons unladen weight is suggested.—British Wireless.

NEW YORK RUBBER BANKRUPTCY.

BIG BROKER LOSES HIS SECOND FORTUNE.

New York, Jan. 8. Mr. Francis Henderson, former President of the New York Rubber Exchange (who in 1918 purchased the International Rubber Trading Company, Singapore) has lodged a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, giving his liabilities as \$26,000, and assets, nil.

Mr. Henderson lost a fortune in the rubber crash of 1921, steadily built it up again, but it is understood, last autumn's rubber slump wiped out his second fortune.—Reuter's American Service.

CANTON AERIAL SCHEME.

A SUBSIDY FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

Canton, Jan. 8. On the completion of the aerodrome and landing ground now under construction at Chungshan port, the Canton-Chungshan air line will be put into operation, with Kowloon as a stopping place en route.

The Provincial Government has apportioned a sum of \$50,000 as a subsidy in connexion with this service.—Our Own Correspondent.

THE SINO-SOVIET DISCUSSIONS.

PARLEY SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING.

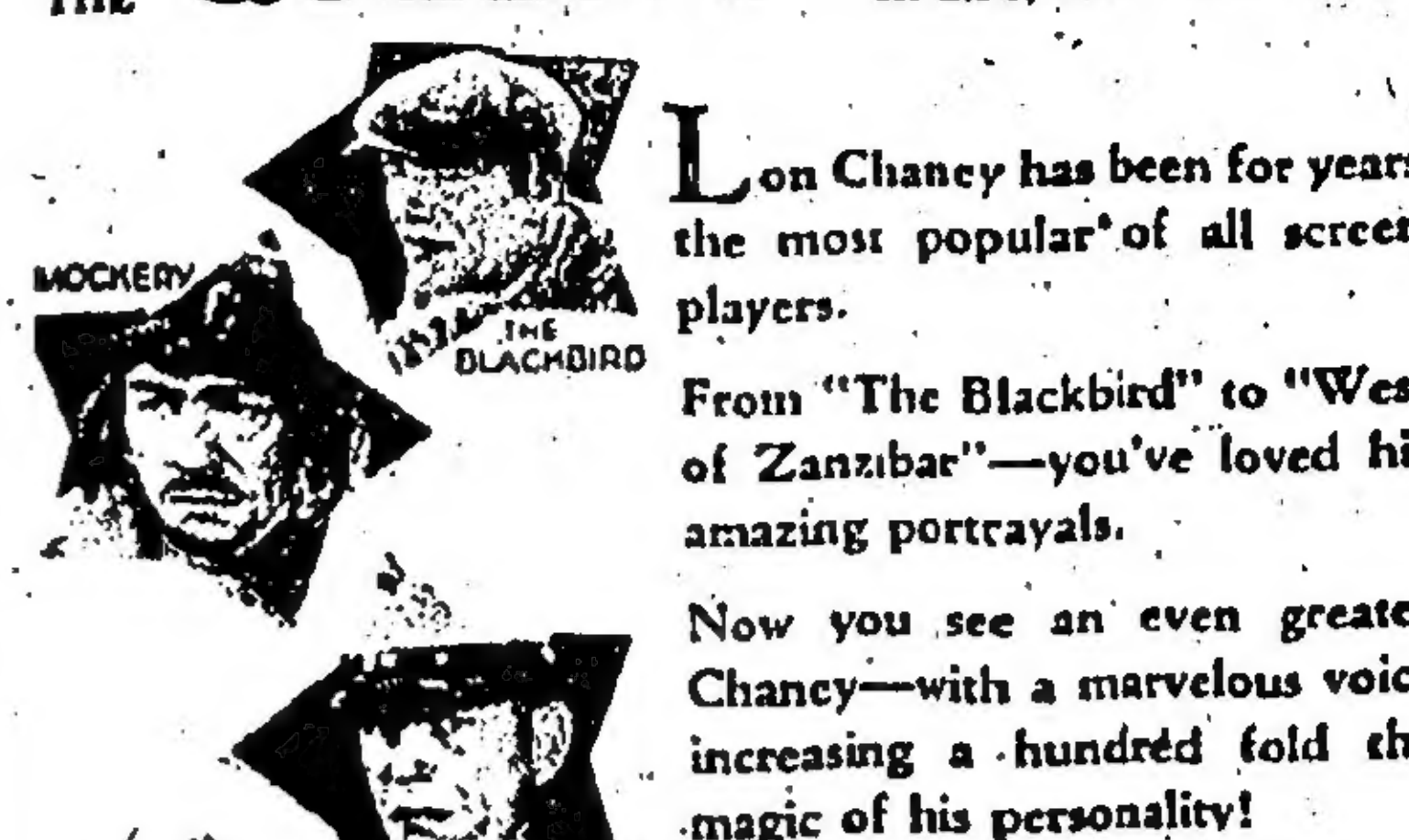
Harbin, Jan. 8.

It is learned that discussions between the Chinese and Russians delegates attending the Sino-Soviet Conference at Moscow have been suspended following the return to China of General Mo Teh-hui, the chief Chinese delegate, who is now receiving medical attendance at a Chinese hospital at Harbin.

General Mo wires to Nanking to confer with the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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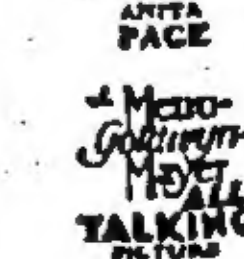
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